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TELECOM'S BIG BUYERS SQUEEZED

'Nightmare' rush for profits likely

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

THE Government is braced for a political row over Opposition charges that British Telecom has been sold too cheaply after the announcement yesterday that the £3.9 billion issue was four times oversubscribed.

Applications worth £16.5 billion were made for the 86 per cent. of the stock on offer to British investors with an unprecedented 2,060,000 members of the public joining the international scramble for the "sale of the century".

But a million applicants will be disappointed because allocations have been cut. Many have been halved and 7,500 applicants seeking to buy batches of more than 100,000 shares have been squeezed out completely.

Mr. Patten, Information Technology Minister, will make a formal Commons statement today about what the Government regards as a runaway success.

He will face Opposition charges that the offer was underpriced at 150p a share. Telecom ends up with 2,300,000 shareholders and the biggest share register in Britain. The number of shares bought by the public was 2,060,000, including 1,800,000 who held shares before the Telecom flotation.

Priority for small investors

In the wake of the cut in allocations for investors seeking large numbers of shares, City analysts were raising their estimates of the amount by which the price will exceed 150p when dealings start today. The analysts were saying the early "profit" could run at 25p-40p a share. Dealings will start at 5 p.m. in the partly-paid 50p shares and one stock market jobber predicted: "It's going to be a nightmare."

Priority has been given to the small, mainly first time, investors the Government was anxious to encourage. Klejwart Benson, the merchant bankers handling the sale of 50.2 per cent. of the State company for the Government, disclosed that about a million of the applications for the public were for 200 and 400 shares. "They will get their allotment in full but others will get considerably less. People applying for 600 shares get 500, those wanting 1,200 will be limited to 600, while applications for

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between 1,600 shares and 100,000 have been scaled down to only 800.

The 7,500 investors who wanted more than 100,000 shares and have been allocated none included some institutions seeking to top up their priority allocation.

The demand from the public has exceeded most expectations and Ministers feel that it will make it more difficult for a future Labour Government to fulfil its promise to re-nationalise the company.

The total number of shares sought by British investors including institutions was 12,750 million shares, of which 2,537 million were for the 2,537 million shares on offer. Two million of the applications from the public were for a total of 2,600 million shares, worth £3,900 million, an average of 1,500, representing an outlay of £16,800.

The remaining 60,000 public applications were for a total of more than 10,000 shares. They included more than 5,000 applications from institutions and other big investors, many in nominee names, who presented last minute cheques worth £1 billion.

Discounts on bills scaled down

The scaling down means that no members of the public, apart from some British Telecom staff, will be able to qualify for the maximum inducements offered to investors.

The Government offered 218 discounts on quarterly telephone bills up to a maximum of 12 on a share allocation of 2,400 with the alternative of a new-forteen share bonus after three years for holdings up to 4,000. The maximum number of vouchers available under the terms of the allotment will be Continued on Back P. Col 6

Thousands flee after guerrilla raids

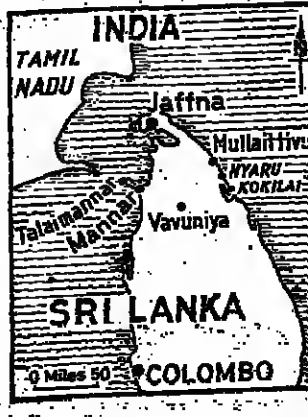
By OUR COLOMBO CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of people were said to have fled from their homes after renewed violence in Sri Lanka yesterday.

A Government spokesman said separatist Tamil guerrillas killed 11 people in attacks on two fishing villages in northern Sri Lanka.

He added that an earlier official statement that 57 people had been killed was incorrect. The spokesman reported that guerrillas killed seven people in the village of Kokkila and four in nearby Nyam in simultaneous attacks.

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Contrasting moods—Mr Scargill arriving at TUC headquarters and Mr Herbert Brewer, the receiver, leaving Heathrow to claim £4.6 million of the NUM's funds held in a Luxembourg bank.

EFFORT TO STOP TORY REBELLION

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister and Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, were hoping yesterday that a threatened Conservative rebellion over cuts in students' grants could be defused by Whips without the Government having to make a compromise.

They feel that, although some 150 Tory MPs have signed two Commons early day motions deploring the cuts, only a much smaller number are prepared to vote against the Government or abstain.

Other Ministers were less confident yesterday. They believed the Government faces its worst internal revolt since 1979 and that Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith will have to back down.

Some were suggesting an early meeting between Sir Keith and Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an attempt to find funds from elsewhere to avert the £39 million cutback.

Resigning matter

Sir Keith, who has dropped hints that he might consider the issue, a resigning matter, is to face his critics at a meeting of Conservative backbench education committee tomorrow night. He may also meet members of the 1922 Committee, representing all Conservative backbenchers, today.

The prime responsibility for the grants changes rests with Sir Keith who agreed to the cutback in the round of annual public expenditure talks which Mr. Ministers had with the Treasury. He felt that the money saved should go towards scientific research.

Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith will receive reports from the Whips in advance of a Commons debate on Thursday on the public expenditure review which included the education cuts.

The debate will be on a Government motion seeking approval of the Chancellor's annual statement on the public expenditure review.

The Opposition is expected to table an amendment, which could provide the chance for any rebel Tories to vote against the Government or abstain.

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SAS man killed in battle with IRA

By KENNETH CLARKE in Dublin

A MEMBER of an SAS patrol was killed during a gun battle with an IRA gang near the Eire-Ulster border yesterday. A civilian involved in the battle also died.

The shoot-out started when the SAS patrol encountered a van load of suspected terrorists near the village of Kesh, Co. Fermanagh.

Local people said the fighting lasted at least 15 minutes with "bullets and flares flying everywhere".

The dead SAS man was named as L/Cpl Alister Slater, 28, a bachelor, who had a home near SAS headquarters at Hereford.

Public school boy Born in Leicestershire, where his father is a chemist, Cpl Slater joined the Army in 1975 from Repton, the public school.

He was previously a sergeant in the 1st Bn. Parachute Regiment and had been serving with the SAS for two years. The dead civilian was named by the RUC as Anthony John McBride, 27, of Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in October 1979 for possession of firearms.

In the van used by the terrorist gang were beer kegs, which are often used to make bombs, and a small quantity of explosives. A wire leading to a suspect bomb was also found.

After the shooting, there was a huge security sweep on both sides of the border. Talk netted two men picked up by the Irish police between Pettigo and Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. They were in a hijacked car which failed to stop at a checkpoint and was chased.

The police said one of the men is Seamus Clarke, 28, one of 18 men still on the run after a mass break-out of 28 IRA men from the Maze Prison in September last year.

SIX HELD OVER
£390,000. RAID
By Our Crime Staff
Six men were being held by police in Dublin last night after the £390,000 robbery last week in which the roof of a security van was ripped off by a mechanical digger near Redhill, Surrey.

The men were being questioned at various Surrey police stations. Two others who had been questioned were released yesterday.

ENVOY FOUND SHOT
The Turkish Ambassador to the Irish Republic, Mr Gunduz Cstun, was found with serious gunshot wounds at his official residence in Dublin yesterday. Police said no-one else was thought to have been involved.

LOST £1m HUNT
Two people were being held by police in Cambridge last night in connection with inquiries into the whereabouts of more than £1 million in home loans funds, and of Mr Jim Doublie, the 35-year-old Cornwall solicitor from whose office the money disappeared.

RECEIVER TO ACT TODAY

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

MR Herbert Brewer, the Derbyshire solicitor appointed by the High Court as receiver of the £3,000,000 assets of the National Union of Mineworkers, will today seek to return to Britain £4,650,000 of the union's cash held in a Luxembourg bank.

Armed with the High Court order appointing him as receiver, he is expected to go to the bank, Nobis Finanz International, this morning to lay claim to funds transferred in Luxembourg in an attempt to avoid their seizure by court sequestrators.

If the bank accepts that his authority as receiver entitles him to the money, it could be transferred back to London within hours.

But to protect itself, the bank may decide that it should first obtain a ruling of a Luxembourg court on Mr Brewer's claim and this could mean a delay.

Working with sequestrators
As receiver Mr Brewer is working in conjunction with the sequestrators appointed by the High Court after the union failed to pay a £200,000 commitment of court fine.

His powers are those of a trustee owner of the union's funds while the sequestrators have rights of possession.

If Mr Brewer is successful in securing the return to Britain of the union's assets held abroad, they would come under the control of the sequestrators until the union had paid the fine and costs of the sequestration and purged its contempt.

While the appointment of the sequestrators continues, Mr Brewer would need their consent—and possibly that of the High Court—before he could go ahead with his hopes to use some of the funds to help miners families in hardship this Christmas.

If the union leaders are to comply with court orders and not risk further penalties for contempt, they will be forced by today to instruct the Luxembourg bank to hold the money there to the order of the sequestrators.

This was one of the injunctions granted to the sequestrators by Mr Justice Nicholas last Friday, together with court orders requiring the union leaders not to withdraw or transfer funds from accounts abroad except with written consent of the sequestrators.

These orders were directed to Mr Arthur Scargill, union president, and Mr Michael McGahue, vice-president, and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, together with Mr Trevor Cave, the union's head of administration, and Mr Stephen Hudson, its chief finance officer.

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Scargill calls conference on funds crisis

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

THE national executive of the miners' union decided last night to call a special delegate conference this afternoon to decide what steps to take following the appointment of a receiver to control the union's £3.9 million assets.

At least two full-time officials of the TUC attended the seven-hour executive and it appeared last night that Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, was attempting to use the receiver's appointment as a rallying point for increased support from other unions and the Labour party.

Mr Ken Graham, assistant general secretary of the TUC attended the NUM executive meeting, but it was not clear whether Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, was also there.

In a brief statement after the meeting, which was held at the TUC headquarters in London, Mr Scargill said the decision by the High Court to appoint a receiver was without precedent.

In a clear attempt to make the point that the NUM's plight should concern the wider trade union movement, he said the appointment of a receiver "poses the most fundamental threat to every trade union in the country as well as putting at immediate risk the existence of the NUM".

He went on: "The decision to appoint a receiver for the first time in the history of the British trade union movement threatens us with a situation in which it could become almost impossible for the national union to carry out its day-to-day operations."

'Vital services'
These included services for the membership such as social welfare and "a whole host of other vital services on which the membership depends".

He said the NUM's financial trustees, who are Mr Scargill, Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, and Mr Michael McGahue, vice president, had at all times acted in accordance with the policy and instructions Continued on Back P. Col 2

TWO ACCUSED
OF TAXI DEATH
Two miners accused of murdering the taxi-driver Mr David Wilkie were remanded in custody until Thursday when they appeared at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday.

They are Russell Shankland, 20, of Mansel Street, Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan, and Reinald Dean Hancock, 21, of Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney.

Donations to an appeal for Mr Wilkie's family, include £200 collected by police on a South Wales picket line and £225 from striking miners. A Cardiff shopkeeper has offered new clothes to Mr Wilkie's two children.

'Right to work'
Mr Tree's wife, Sandra, also a licensed taxi driver, said: "If someone provided the vehicle, I would drive it myself. These miners have a right to work. I cannot say how I am going to feel in the morning but I don't see why this job is any different in picking up any other customer."

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NCB SACKS 450 INVOLVED IN STRIKE TROUBLE

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

MORE than 450 miners have been sacked by the Coal Board during the pit strike for serious criminal offences or acts of "gross industrial misconduct."

A further 100 cases are being considered for possible dismissal as the management takes an increasingly tough approach to violence and vandalism.

However, more than 2,000 men convicted of criminal offences will be allowed to return to their jobs after the dispute. Details of offences will be entered on their employment records.

Coal Board officials believe that the death last week of Mr David Wilkie, a South Wales taxi driver whose car was hit by concrete blocks dropped from a bridge, will make colliery managers less willing to take back miners who have been involved in strike violence or lawlessness.

Police and Coal Board officials were dismayed that Mr Scargill, miners' president, during his address at a Labour rally in Stoke-on-Trent on Friday, dissociated his union from the South Wales incident but avoided a general condemnation of picket line violence.

Relevant sentence

Tout cheering from Mr Scargill's supporters in the prevented reporters hearing the end of the relevant sentence in his speech. Radio lines have since showed his full text to be: "The NUM dissociates itself from any acts of this kind which occur anywhere away from the picket lines."

It is on picket lines that the vast majority of the 8,460 arrests have been made during the dispute.

Of those arrested 7,100 have been charged but fewer than half of these have so far been dealt with by the courts, despite the use of extra magistrates.

The majority of those sacked by the Coal Board figured among the 2,740 convictions which have resulted from incidents on picket lines or in mining communities.

Seventy-three of these convictions resulted in prison sentences, the longest being nine months. Fifteen young offenders, mostly trainee miners, have been sent to detention centres.

More sackings

With 3,617 strike-related charges still to be heard and the scale of violence growing it is clear that many more miners could be receiving dismissal notices.

Dismissal in this way means the loss of the right to notice and the freezing of pension rights at the time of departure. But most serious for miners is the absence of alternative work in their industry and in many areas, any other industries.

The decision on dismissal is left to local pit managers. In cases of violence, intimidation or sabotage it is almost certain.

Where lesser offences are concerned, such as obstruction or breach of the peace, which together account for roughly two-thirds of all strike arrests, it is left to the local executive's discretion.

In addition to dismissing miners convicted in the courts, the Coal Board has also sacked

NUM loses appeal over receivership

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

MINERS' union leaders lost their appeal against the temporary appointment of a Derbyshire solicitor to take charge of union assets at a rare weekend sitting of the Appeal Court.

Three Appeal Court judges, headed by Lord Justice Stephenson, said the receivership order made by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies on Friday was "drastic and unusual."

But it was justified because an undertaking offered by the miners' union leaders not to move their funds from Luxembourg until noon next Friday was unacceptable without further assurances that they would obey both "past and future" orders of the court.

The receiver, Mr Herbert Brewer, left for Luxembourg last night accompanied by Mr Brian Larkins, one of the four chartered accountants from Price Waterhouse, who were appointed by the court in October as sequestrators of the union's assets after it failed to pay a £200,000 contempt of court fine.

The sequestrators traced the £4,650,000 to Nobis Bank International, a Luxembourg bank, and succeeded in having it temporarily frozen. But on Thursday the Luxembourg courts, after an application by the union leaders, ruled that the sequestrators' claim to the money was "inadmissible" under Luxembourg law and lifted their order.

This led to fears that the union leaders might seek to move the money on to other banks, which would be in contempt of English court orders.

In an emergency move to prevent this, 16 working miners brought forward court proceedings they had started to have a receiver replace Mr Scargill, the union's president, and Mr McGaher, its vice-president, and Mr Heathfield, its general secretary, as trustees of union funds.

Dismissal of the union leaders' appeal, Lord Justice Stephenson said, if Mr Justice Mervyn Davies had been offered an undertaking which he could have relied on, he would not have appointed the receiver.

But the judge was justified in his inability to accept that undertaking without a further assurance that the miners' leaders would obey orders of the court, past as well as future.

"Notorious" contempt It was "notorious" that the NUM and one of its leaders had committed flagrant contempt of court orders, said Lord Justice Stephenson. Although Mr Scargill was longer in contempt because his £1,000 fine had been paid, the union was still in contempt.

He hoped that an assurance that all court orders would be obeyed would now come from the union's national executive committee. If so, the miners' leader could apply to the court on Monday for an order discharging the receiver.

Such an assurance would involve the union in agreeing to pay the £200,000 contempt of court fine co-operating with the sequestrators and complying with court injunctions made a week ago requiring them to bring back to Britain all union funds sent abroad before the sequestration order was made.

The temporary order appointing Mr Brewer as receiver lasts until Thursday when lawyers for the union leaders will have a further opportunity in the High Court to argue in greater detail why his appointment should not be continued.

In the meantime, Mr Brewer will be hoping that the Luxembourg bank, and if necessary the Luxembourg courts, will recognise his authority as a court-appointed receiver, to take control of the union's assets because of failure by the union's trustees to carry out their duties properly.

MP SUE BY WIFE Mr John Huddle, 41, Tory MP for Mid-Staffordshire is being sued by his wife, Judith, whose petition appears in the current list of undefended suits to be heard soon. The couple married in 1964 and have four children.



Mr Michael McGarity starting on Saturday a day-and-night vigil outside Selfridges store in Oxford Street where he hopes to raise £30,000 for Kettering, Radcliffe and Northampton Hospitals in a sponsored appeal by the time the sales begin on Dec. 28. Mr McGarity suffers from a spinal complaint.

Disabled man kicked and beaten by gang

A DISABLED joiner was beaten up by youths when he went to board up the broken windows of a chemist's shop in a strike-torn South Yorkshire pit village.

Mr Walter Claydon, who suffers from a childhood disability which restricts his walking, was met by a torrent of abuse as he climbed from his car.

As he walked towards the shop, in St Andrew's Square, Balton on Dearne, near Barnsley, he was repeatedly punched and kicked by up to 10 youths. As he fought his way back to the car he tripped and was kicked in the face, neck and groin.

He suffered widespread bruising and a cracked cheekbone. Mr Claydon, 45, spoke at his home in Hall Broom Gardens of his ordeal.

"It was the most frightening moment of my life, but I don't think the youths were miners."

"They were just people jumping on the bandwagon of violence. There were about 60 youths and they took it in turns to attack me with about 10 at a time."

"It was only the intervention of some miners who I knew that prevented me from being more seriously injured."

"When I got back to my car I went straight to the police station and they called an ambulance. I didn't dare go home in case they followed and attacked my wife Maureen."

In Doncaster, George McDonald, a strike rebel who

present, will instruct the party's standing committee to prepare a statement "explaining the distinction between the Liberal and the social market approaches."

The motion welcomed the SDP's attempt, initiated by Dr Owen, its leader, to "redefine social democracy by getting away from what has been seen as the 'failed' approach of the 1960s," but added that Liberals were concerned that the SDP was placing too much faith in the market as a guarantor of individual rights.

Supporting the motion, Mr Michael Meadcroft, Liberal MP for Leeds West, said: "Emphasis on the market principle tends to be detrimental to the Liberals' wish to develop co-operative structures and to acknowledge ecological needs."

By Our Political Correspondent FURTHER differences between the partners in the Liberal-SDP Alliance were revealed after a weekend meeting of the Liberal party's council in Grantham.

A motion was passed expressing concern at slowness of progress on agreement over candidates for Parliamentary seats. The Liberal criticism being that the SDP frequently wanted inter-party discussions referred to the leadership rather than being settled at local level.

A motion was also passed criticising what was called "Dr Owen's social market theories."

The council, at which Mr Steel, Liberal leader, was not

PYM ON 'TORY ANXIETY'

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR PYM, former Foreign Secretary, said yesterday there was a growing anxiety throughout the Conservative party in Parliament and in the country about Government policies, particularly in regard to unemployment.

"Until now the Government has said that its economic policies were the only answer to unemployment, but that was not turning out to be so, he stated in an ITV interview."

He felt that the increasing backbench feeling would have an effect on the Prime Minister because "she's a very intelligent woman, she's won two elections, and no doubt she'll go on and win a third."

He added: "What we're wanting is to make her chances of doing that better. Some of us have a view, and quite a lot of people in the Parliamentary party have a view, that if some of the issues she's tackling were tackled in a rather different way, it would be better for everybody."

Growing unease Mr Pym, a critic of the Government's economic policies before and since he was dismissed as Foreign Secretary by the Prime Minister and returned to the backbenches in 1983, said that Mrs Thatcher "absolutely the Prime Minister the country needed."

He added: "All her objectives I share and the party shares. What we're talking about is how they're going to be achieved."

Mr Pym's remarks were in line with the speech which he and other "wets" now out of office — Mr Heath and Sir Ian Gilmour are others — have been making for some time. But he said it had been evident at the party conference in October that there was growing unease in the party about the economic policies and especially about unemployment.

BILL MAY CUT RED TAPE FOR SMALL FIRMS

Mr Michael Grylls, Conservative MP for North West Surrey, who drew seventh place in the Private Members' Bills ballot, is to introduce a Small Businesses Bill "in response to an overwhelming demand from small firms' organisations, led by the Union of Independent Companies and the Small Business Bureau."

"It will provide the legislative framework in which legislation for small firms can take place and require each Secretary of State to report to Parliament annually."

Church leaders urge Joseph to drop grant cuts

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

CHURCH OF ENGLAND leaders have joined in the attack on Government plans to cut student grants and increase parental contributions, calling on Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, to think again.

A motion passed unanimously by the board of education of the General Synod urges Sir Keith to restructure the system of student fees and maintenance grants and scrap parental contributions altogether.

The board also deplored the Government's intention to raise the general student grant by only three per cent next year.

The motion says this would "accelerate the decrease in the real value of the grant which is already 37 per cent below the level set at its introduction in 1962."

It pointed out that Sir Keith's decision to make richer parents pay more while their sons and daughters received less from the taxpayer would "bear very hard on students."

In 1982-83, 47 per cent of students in higher education did not receive a full grant and about 4,000 got no grant at all because their parents were "unable or unwilling to sign grant assessment forms."

Backbench revolt The Church leaders' criticism have worsened the crisis facing Sir Keith who will tonight meet the chairman, two vice-chairmen and two secretaries of the backbench education committee to sound out the strength of the revolt among Tory MPs.

At a full meeting of the Committee tomorrow night Sir Keith and Mr Peter Brooke, Minister for Higher Education, will try to persuade the rebels, who now number almost 160, to moderate their opposition.

Earlier in the day Sir Keith may come under fire from MPs when he replies to Parliamentary questions on student issues in the Commons.

Further criticism of the proposed cuts came yesterday from Sir John Butterfield, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, who expressed "a very great concern" in letters to Sir Keith and Mr Lawson, the Chancellor. His protest, unusual for a man who normally refrains from involvement in education politics, follows a

meeting of the Council of the Senate at Cambridge which authorised the letter.

Sir John told Mr Lawson: "The reintroduction of a contribution towards tuition fees contravenes the principle of a free education system and raises the spectre of a time when entry to university may again depend not on academic merit but on the ability to pay."

"There is widespread resentment and indignation in Cambridge that this radical and potentially far-reaching change of educational policy should have been announced in the guise of a fiscal measure without notice and without any opportunity for public discussion."

But support for Sir Keith came from Sir David Phillips, chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Council's, who expressed "the gratitude of scientists throughout the country" for the offer of more funds for scientific research.

Sir David's board advises Sir Keith on the size of each year's science budget and how it should be shared among the two research councils — agriculture and food; economic and social; medical; natural environment; and science and engineering.

The Government's extra funds — £39 million of which would come from the grant cuts would amount to £70 million extra over three years, including £20 million for university laboratories and equipment, Sir David said.

600 research projects "If the Secretary of State accepts the advice we have given it will mean: An extra 600 alpha-rated research projects (projects considered top priority). Help for new programmes in food research and plant and animal sciences. More medical research in the universities. More research into the use of computers in engineering and information technology. A total of £6 million in the 1985-86 financial year for much needed and expensive equipment."

"The benefits for today's scientists, the new generations of science students and the country as a whole are substantial," he said.

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Grants spectre looms over Tory campaign

By JAMES ALLAN

THE growing controversy over student grants will confront Mr Lawson, Chancellor, when he appears tonight in the by-election campaign in Southgate, where the cuts are threatening to become the main issue.

Mr Lawson will be speaking in Hadley Wood, where the increased parental contributions are likely to be felt most.

He is aware from his erstwhile political adviser, Mr Michael Portillo, the 31-year-old Conservative candidate, of the growing concern being expressed by voters.

While canvassing on Friday, Mr Portillo was stopped by a man carrying a newspaper with a front page story on the student grant cuts row. Waving it at Mr Portillo, he said: "Whatever else you do, do something about this, will you?"

Others are putting it more politely and, in a constituency with nearly a third of the 65,000 electorate in the professional and managerial class, more cogently.

The announcement of the changes in student grants by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, could not have come at a worse time for Mr Portillo, who is fighting a by-election caused by the death of Sir Anthony Berry in the Brighton bombing.

He admits: "There is definitely concern on the doorstep. There are a large number of people in the constituency who have children at university whose quota will be affected by the changes."

Not unnaturally Mr Portillo is reluctant to become a rebel before being elected and has declined to support the 180 Tory MPs in revolt.

Both his Alliance and Labour opponents consider they are well placed to capitalise on Tory discontent.

The Liberals are fighting the seat for the Alliance with Mr Timothy Slack, 56, who as headmaster of Bedales School in Hampshire from 1962 to 1974 believed Sir Keith Joseph has played into his hands.

The Labour candidate, Mr Peter Hamid, 52, despite being a local councillor in Enfield, is likely to find his party struggling again in third place.

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£27m BULLION RAIDERS FACE JAIL TODAY

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent
TWO masterminds behind Britain's biggest-ever robbery—£27 million in gold bullion and other valuables from a Brink's Mat warehouse near Heathrow a year ago—were convicted at a unique Old Bailey hearing yesterday.

MICHAEL McAVOY, 52, builder, and BRIAN ROBINSON, 41, car dealer, both South Londoners, were driven from court amid unprecedented security and will return today to face sentence by the Common Serjeant of London, Judge DAVID TUDOR PRICE.

As they were driven off to jail, a third accused man, Anthony White, 40, car dealer, left in a white Mercedes after being cleared of involvement in the spectacular raid.

The month-long case ended without any further clues being given as to the whereabouts of the colossal fortune in bullion, diamonds, platinum and travellers' cheques.

The haul, three tons of gold, enough to fill three coffins, is almost certainly still in this country, and in the 12 months since the robbery has risen in value to over £50 million.

The jury of seven women and five men took 26 hours 46 minutes, to return their verdicts, spending three nights at the hotel, clearing White and convicting the two others, McAvoy, of Beckenham Road, East Dulwich, and Robinson, of Rolling Street, Lewisham, by two majority decisions.

It is the first time in memory that a jury has returned verdicts at the Old Bailey on a Sunday. The judge postponed sentence until this afternoon because sentences are not permitted to be passed on a Sunday.

The jury had been given 24-hour police protection throughout the trial and the judge assured them that this will continue.

Mr MICHAEL CORKERY, Q.C., prosecuting, said that a three-man gang had attacked the warehouse on an industrial estate at Hounslow last December and terrorised guards to pass over details of the sophisticated security system.

The gang had been told to expect a haul of between £1 million and £2 million and were astounded by what they got.

It is for that reason that information sources are convinced that the fortune is still secreted in this country, possibly concealed over in a garage of a suburban house.

Despite rewards totalling £2 million, Scotland Yard has not had a whisper concerning the whereabouts of the bullion. But detectives are convinced that such a haul would be "too hot to handle" for many years.

Now that their trial is over, and two of the gang face jail sentences, there are hopes in some quarters that information leading to the recovery of the fortune will be forthcoming.

However, senior Flying Squad officers have already discounted a popular theory that criminals living in Spanish hideaways are wanted concerning that particular robbery.

The two convicted men were betrayed by another gang member who turned police informer. ANTHONY BLACK, a Brink's Mat security guard who was the gang's inside man, gave evidence in the trial after earlier this year receiving a six-year sentence.

He was already disowned by his family, and his mother blackened him in court as "untrustworthy and unreliable." He is spending his sentence in secret police custody.

Black, who had been living with Robinson's sister, provided the information about the warehouse security.

The gang, who had planned the robbery for a year, burst in and threatened to set fire to the guards if they did not reveal the vault combination.

Watered-down petrol was poured over the guards and matches lit close to them to terrify them into parting with the information.



Anthony White: cleared of involvement in £27 million Heathrow gold bullion robbery.

Criticism of Prestel 'mole' retaliation

By BARBARA CONWAY City Staff

PRESTEL, the British Telecom computerised information network, is facing accusations of using "Big Brother" tactics to silence criticism of its security by one of its largest customers.

Timeframe International, a company which specialises in providing business information, last week claimed that its secret identification codes had been "hacked" early last month, leaving an unauthorised user free to wander through and examine hundreds of screens full of information.

The incident was said to have taken place only days after a major security alert involving the hacking of electronic mail, including that belonging to Prince Philip, had led to wholesale changes in security codes.

On Friday night hundreds of members of the public who use the Timeframe bulletin boards, which carried both instantaneous debates and information on subjects ranging from computers to eating out—suddenly found that the company had been removed from the system.

'No mole'

This, according to a Prestel statement, was because Timeframe refused to retract its statement on the hacking or a suggestion that a Prestel 'mole' might be involved, despite the fact that there was no such unauthorised use of the system.

Part of Prestel's anxiety to stop further talk of security breaches lies in the fact that areas of its system are used for highly confidential information, such as business data and a special service for doctors, including details of new drugs.

BT also run a special business electronic correspondence service called Telecom Gold, which is also likely to carry confidential information.

But the abrupt action of pulling the plug on Timeframe last week may have exactly the opposite effect to that intended.

Angry users are already exchanging details of individual cases where passwords into the system seem to have been hacked and, although this course of action would be illegal, it looks possible that a demonstration "hock" could be arranged by some users to demonstrate that Prestel is vulnerable.

KIRK FEARS LAWSON WILL TAX BIBLE

By Our Churches Correspondent

Mr Lawson "surely does not want to be remembered as the Chancellor of the Exchequer who taxed the Bible," suggests Lyle and Wors, the Church of Scotland's magazine.

The editor refers to reports that, in looking for fresh sources of revenue, the Chancellor is considering imposing VAT on books, newspapers and periodicals.

Lyle and Wors admits there is a case for taxing "trashy books and papers," just as entertainments are taxed. But "if the Government cannot establish a clear line to divide virtue and vice, it would be better to abandon the whole idea."

MAN ACCUSED OF BRITON'S MURDER

By Our Madrid Correspondent

Vegetarians putting more beef into Smithfield protest

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

VEGETARIANS yesterday launched their biggest attack yet on the monument to meat-eating, the Royal Smithfield Show, where the best and most pampered of the millions of meat animals that will be slaughtered for Christmas tables began their brief spell in the spotlight.

The show, which opened at Earl's Court yesterday and continues until Thursday, brings to the capital the very best that livestock farmers can produce in competition for the coveted championship trophies.

It is also a major show window for Britain's major farm machinery industry. It has become an increasing target in recent years for the vegetarians, who yesterday staged a march from Marble Arch (formerly Tyburn), they pointed out to Earl's Court to protest at what they called the murder that is meat-eating.

Police estimated about 1,000 people in the march, with several hundreds more gathered outside the Earl's Court exhibition, shouting slogans, waving banners and handing out leaflets while their own 12-piece band played hymns.

Hearts and stomachs There was a strong police presence and three arrests were made. One demonstrator, Mark Longdon, a 17-year-old student from Newark, Nottingham, was charged with obstruction. The other arrests followed alleged threatening behaviour and obstruction of police.

What is now taking place between the vegetarians and show officials is a battle, not so much for the hearts and minds of the British public but their minds and stomachs.

In the wake of the increased militancy from vegetarians, show officials yesterday cast aside their customary attitude of coexistence and gave a warning that their tolerance was being strained to breaking point.

Mr James Stobo, a Berwickshire livestock farmer and councillor member of the Royal Smithfield Club, one of the three organisations that combine to stage the show, pointed out that club members had been meeting vegetarian representatives for seven years to exchange views on the vegetarians' concept of an alternative life-style.

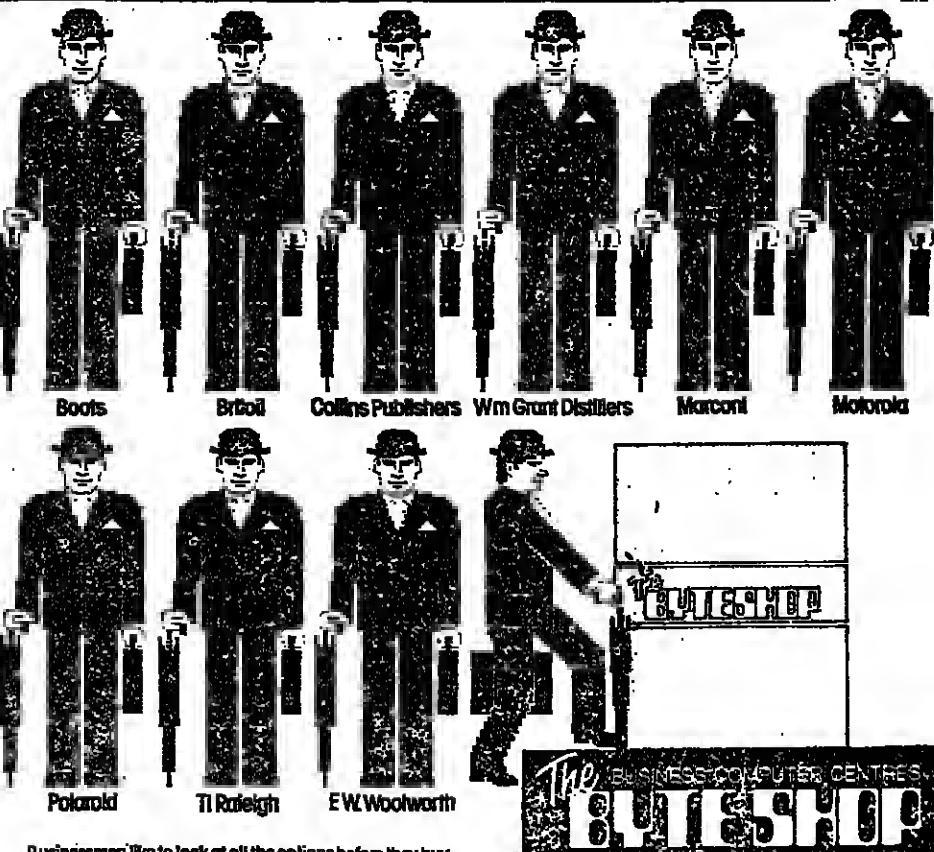
The vegetarians had been politely received by the club, which recognised their right to represent their preferred way of eating. But the club was saddened to find that this year the Vegetarian Society had invited so-called "other animal welfareists."

Meat is healthy "In common with a number of other minorities, they appear to be endeavouring to impose their views on the majority through the techniques of mass-hysteria, and these are not an acceptable way of achieving either support or dialogue."

to soothe their conscience for the nation's stomach, the Meat and Livestock Commission has devoted its entire main stand at the show to presenting the facts on the role of meat-eating in a healthy diet.

Mr Keith Roberts, chairman, said genuine concern about diet and health is being exploited by extremist groups. Vegetarianism does not provide any answers, Mr Roberts maintains. Animal protein is important to health.

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Britons win backing in war on Costa crime

By GRAHAM JONES in Malaga

BRITONS living in the town known as the capital of the "Costa del Crime" have won the first round in their battle for a police offensive against snatch-and-run thieves and armed robbers.

A week ago, 800 Spanish and British residents of Nijja, east of Malaga, held a story protest meeting at the town hall, demanding action against shotgun-armed drug addicts.

Some residents called for the formation of vigilante squads. Yesterday, a member of the organising committee, 57-year-old Mr Bill Fletcher, said he was pleased at the response of the Spanish authorities in the town of 15,000 people where robberies were totalling 39 a week.

"Changes have been sparked off and, thank goodness," said Mr Fletcher who came from Manchester five years ago to open a restaurant called Bumbles in the town. "We all feel a lot happier now."

More police Mr Fletcher reported that detectives from the national police in Malaga had been posted to the town to search for the "masked men behind the raids, which had terrified British villa-owners—many of them elderly. At their worst, there were 11 raids in one night."

The Civil Guard in Nijja had been given a new, tough second-in-command. There is also a special two-man drugs patrol given the task of running addicts out of town.

The whole of the Costa del Sol has been hit by a crime wave, including a number of street crimes which have turned to murder. Several hundred extra police will move in before the New Year season starts in March, the authorities say.

One British couple, Mr and Mrs Martin Weeks, defied a shotgun attack on their home, even after shots were fired at their windows. The price was two further raids on their villa, one of which "wrecked" their home and caused £25,000 worth of damage.

The Weeks, who are staying with friends because they are too frightened to return to their £36,000 villa, had retired to Spain but say they will now be returning to Britain.

Still shaking weeks after her ordeal, Mrs Elizabeth Weeks, 56, said: "It is amazing these folks have been able openly to ride their bikes around town carrying sawn-off shotguns."

CHILD-CARE STAFF WERE CRIMINALS

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

NEARLY half the first group of workers to be fingerprinted in a New York check on staff at day-care centres for children were found to have criminal records.

A check on all workers in child welfare programmes was ordered after allegations of sexual abuse.

The aim was to reassure the public that children were in safe hands. But officials found that 36 of the first 82 day-care workers checked had criminal records, including convictions for arson, robbery, prostitution, drugs and gun possession.

"Shocking is the best word to describe it," said Mayor Ed Koch. "It's clearly something we have to be concerned about."

On wanted list He said that six of the 56 were wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

Officials are now hurriedly re-examining their hiring public employees with criminal records. Mayor Koch said an ex-convict would not necessarily be barred from employment, but records would be examined closely to make sure no danger of sexual or other abuse of children was likely.

Mr Patrick McGinley, investigating the fingerprinting investigation, said someone with a single 30-year-old conviction for prostitution would probably be acceptable, whereas someone with a long record of arrests would not.

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FOOTBALLER DIES

Robert Gilbert, 18, of East Cowes, Isle of Wight, collapsed and died after being hit in the chest by a football during a league match at the weekend.

BRITON KILLED

By Our Madrid Correspondent

TREE PATROL

Forest rangers started round-the-clock searchlight patrols in the New Forest yesterday to deter thefts of Christmas trees.

HAWKE BLAMES SETBACK ON SPOILED VOTES

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Australian Labour party, led by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, was returned to office at the weekend with a substantially-reduced majority instead of the landslide predicted by newspapers and opinion polls.

The anticipated 50-seat lead in the House of Representatives may turn out to be only 14, considerably below the 28-seat majority in the previous Parliament, since expanded from 125 to 148 members.

Mr Hawke will still have a comfortable working majority, but not enough to claim any mandate for major policy changes.

With 85 per cent of the vote now counted, the Labour vote is down by 1.7 per cent, and the Liberals by 0.2 per cent. The Liberals' coalition partner, the National party, increased its vote by 1.6 per cent.

When the next election is held, presumably in three years, the coalition will need a swing of only 1.7 per cent to unseat the Government.

Mr Hawke attributed the fall in Labour's following to the extraordinarily high invalid vote by about half a million voters, mostly in seats that normally would have gone to Labour.

Pensioners' anger
This followed the simplification of ballot forms for the Senate ticket, which required voters to make only a simple mark on their paper. For the House of Representatives, all preferences had to be indicated.

Up to 8 per cent of voters, apparently, believed they had only to make one mark, leaving the ballots incomplete.

Mr Hawke, in a defensive interview yesterday, said up to 80 per cent of invalid votes had been intended for Labour's candidates.

But his suggestion was chal-

lenged by electoral officers who noted a large number of invalid votes also in "blue ribbon" Liberal seats.

Mr Hawke was so confident of an overwhelming victory that he did not attempt to deny that Labour might introduce wealth, capital gains and probate taxes, thus alienating many voters.

He failed to recognise pensioners' anger over the introduction of an assets test, and the impact of a heavier tax on superannuation lump-sum payments.

The campaign, instead of consolidating Mr Hawke as the most popular of all Australian Prime Ministers, exposed his weaknesses.

All factions of the Labour party, left, right and centre, appear to have suffered equally and he is therefore unlikely to face any challenge in the caucus.

But much of the Hawke magic has been lost while Mr Peacock, leader of the Opposition, has won a new lease of political life.

The final results in doubtful seats for the House of Representatives are not likely to be known before the end of the week.

The full Senate results may not be known much before Christmas.

At the moment it appears that the Labour party and the coalition share equally six of the seven Senate seats in each state.

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God's banker 'loaned' for Milan trial

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE shadowy financier Michele Sindona was putting the finishing touches to a lengthy defence dossier last night on the eve of his Milan trial.

Despite the allegations made against him during the past decade, this will be the first time he has ever appeared in a court in his homeland.

In an unprecedented legal move, the diminutive Sicilian has been "loaned out" to Italy by the United States where he is already serving 25 years.

He is accused of fraud and a long list of other crimes involving the \$120 million crash of two banks he owned.

Sindona, 64, known as "God's Banker" because of his close links with the Vatican's embattled financial authorities, is expected to plead not guilty.

Paris moves to placate Pacific island rebels

By IAN WARD in Singapore

TWENTY-FOUR hours after raising the rebel flag in France's South Pacific island of New Caledonia and declaring independence, leaders of the breakaway movement yesterday welcomed the decision by Paris to draw up new proposals for the colony's self-determination.

The rebels also welcomed the French Government's plan, taken at an emergency Cabinet meeting on Saturday, to send out M. Edgar Pisani, the former Agriculture Minister, with orders to submit recommendations within two months.

Observers in the colony's capital, Noumea, last night read these developments as an important psychological victory for the Melanesian rebels.

But they felt M. Pisani would encounter fierce opposition from anti-independence groups on the island.

Significantly, M. Dick Uweke, President of the freshly-elected New Caledonia Assembly, in Paris at the weekend for crisis talks with President Mitterrand, declared publicly that he had no intention of talking with rebels.

Back in New Caledonia, tension is running high in the wake of last Friday's shoot-out between French farmers and Melanesians, known locally as Kanaks, who are demanding immediate independence.

The clash resulted in the death of one white farmer and one Melanesian.

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Financial markets in U.S. fear slide in to recession

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

MR DONALD REGAN, the American Treasury Secretary, called yesterday for urgent action to reduce the country's massive federal deficit, which he described as the most serious problem facing the government and Congress.

His statement reflects a definite sense of unease in Washington and the financial markets.

It is felt that without swift action by President Reagan to curb the deficit, the American economy may slide once again into recession.

Mr Reagan is due to hold a series of meetings this week with his senior economic and budget management advisers with the object of working out a plan for reducing Government spending while at the same time raising revenues in the coming fiscal year.

Indeed, Mr Reagan would like to be able to lop off \$45 billion from the deficit, which in 1985 is expected to be as high as \$210 billion.

'Untouchable' items
Some of his advisers have spoken of a budget "freeze", but since the President has declared both defence spending and social security to be "untouchable", that he will maintain the present rates of increase, his critics have begun to ask how such a programme could be termed a "freeze".

Even Mr Reagan conceded yesterday that military spending would have to be included in any budgetary freeze or cut-back programme, a position that puts him on a collision course with both the White House and the Pentagon.

Mr Reagan said that he had given his views to both the President and to Mr Weinberger, the

Defence Secretary. Speaking in a television current affairs programme, Mr Reagan seemed to question whether the President had asked him to stay on in his Treasury post.

Mr Reagan said that his department's tax-reform plan would have to take second place to tackling the deficit. He thought that the \$45 billion reduction could be achieved "if you include defence".

Military build-up
Congressional leaders also gave President Reagan a warning yesterday that his military build-up may have to come under the axe if the deficit is to be tamed.

Senator Robert Packwood, a Republican who is to be the new chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, predicted that Mr Reagan would not get enough support in Congress for a package of spending cuts that did not include defence. And Mr Dan Rostenkowski, Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that Mr Reagan would have to make more than just cutbacks in government expenditure—a reference to Mr Reagan's adamant refusal to increase revenues by raising taxes.

In an editorial the New York Times said yesterday that talk of a budgetary "freeze" was but an empty slogan. As the plan would not embrace any lid on either military spending or social security, both programmes would go on rising.

At some point, the paper said, Mr Reagan would have to face up to the need for defence cuts and tax increases.

Kirkpatrick is forced back to the kitchen

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

MRS JEANE KIRKPATRICK made it clear yesterday that she is quitting President Reagan's team largely because of political attacks on her from inside the White House.

In a newspaper interview, Mrs Kirkpatrick remarked: "I have this recurring thought which is what Harry Truman said: 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.'"

"My version of that is: If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen—where I have been very happy. I like private life."

Mrs Kirkpatrick has been a controversial figure ever since President Reagan appointed her to be America's Ambassador to the United Nations. She has frequently been portrayed as taking a hard line, particularly in policies affecting Latin America.

But from her comments in the interview it appears that much of what has been written about her may be the result of carefully planted "leaks" by hostile members of Mr Reagan's White House staff.

'Weirdly-mistaken'
Mrs Kirkpatrick found it hard to understand how the world had got the "weirdly-mistaken" notion that she was an extremist or anti-democratic. She had probably opposed using force in Central America "more often and more strongly than any member of the government" during policy discussions.

She was not talking about the use of United States combat troops in the region. "Nobody has ever suggested that. I mean a kind of force, even in principle."

But in trying to set the record straight one always appeared on the defensive. "For the most part I've given up. I do believe that there still may be some special sort of resentment of women in high politics in this country."

Mrs Kirkpatrick's comments suggest that reports of her pressing for a more senior post to the Reagan government, perhaps that of National Security Adviser, may have been fabricated by detractors who were then able to "leak" that Mr Reagan had vetoed any such move.

GHOST AND RECLUSE IN POLL FIGHT

By DAVID SHEARS in St George's, Grenada

AFTER a campaign of calumny and calypso, Grenadians vote today in a general election that could determine whether this troubled island is destined for stability or further upheavals.

"I hope our people will show common sense this time," one Grenadian housewife said with earnest emphasis. She was wearing the campaign button of Mr Herbert Blaize's New National party, the centrist group tipped to win with none too subtle American support.

At the same time Mr Blaize, an amiable 60-year-old lawyer lacking personal charisma, faces two unlikely but formidable rivals.

One is almost a recluse. Sir Eric Gairy, the mystical, God-fearing former Prime Minister with a strong personal following who leads the Grenada United Labour party.

The other is a ghost, the legendary Maurice Bishop, Grenada's Marxist leader for more than four years until his assassination last year by his own comrades.

Ritual singing

Standing in a singing, swaying crowd of Labour supporters at a night-time campaign rally, one can sense the magnetism of "Uncle Gairy."

After the ritual hymn-singing and calypso music to warm up the enthusiasm, the local principles, democracy and progress. Then he pointed to the stars in the black tropical night and set the crowd chanting "Vote the star," the campaign slogan for Sir Eric.

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SOVIET SOLDIER'S 'ORDEAL'

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE two Russian soldiers who returned home from Afghanistan who returned home from a month suffered a "nightmare" at the hands of British security agents, IZVESTIA newspaper said at the weekend.

It published an interview said to have been given by Sgt Igor Rykhov, 22, and Pte Oleg Khlan, 21, in Moscow on Friday in which they allegedly claimed British agents drugged them to say they had deserted.

In fact, the paper insisted, they were taken prisoner in Afghanistan and later held against their will in Pakistan and Britain.

The account was highly reminiscent of claims by Oleg Blinov, the Soviet journalist who defected last year and returned home in September, claiming he was abducted and tortured by British agents.

Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, returned home six weeks ago after 17 years as a defector and said she had never been free in the West.

These cases have provided a propaganda harvest for the Russians. Careful manipulation of Blinov and the two soldiers has enabled the authorities to undermine Western predictions of dire punishment awaiting the defectors.

Drugged by captors

Punishment may still be in prospect—the authorities have plenty of time—but meanwhile there is advantage to be gained in publishing anti-Western accounts and appearing mercurial.

IZVESTIA published no pictures of the two soldiers and said nothing about their present circumstances or whether they had realised their hopes of being reunited with their families.

Rykhov and Khlan returned on a flight from London to Leningrad on November 11, after going to the Soviet Embassy in London to inquire about their families. IZVESTIA stressed that they told British officials they were returning voluntarily.

Lord Bethell, who brought them to England after they had been nearly a year in the hands of Afghan guerrillas, was said to be working on orders from British Intelligence.

The soldiers had been drugged by their Afghan captors and it suited British agents to keep them that way, the paper said. It was the effect of drugs which allegedly induced the pair to tell a news conference they had abandoned their units to July last year, before falling into guerrilla hands.

LOVE CHILD'S PICTURE

'Wife was unfaithful'

OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF writes: A small girl, said to be Igor Rykhov's daughter, whose photograph was sent to him in the hope of enticing him back to the Soviet Union, was actually the result of an extra-marital affair by his wife, according to the Soviet Prisoners of War Rescue Committee which interviewed the soldiers.

Rykhov had told the committee that a major reason behind his desertion was because his wife had been unfaithful and had given birth to an illegitimate child. Khlan's reason was that he had accidentally killed a fellow soldier when his gun went off, and he believed he would be shot.

PRESIDENT ZIA ANNOUNCES SOLO ELECTION

By Our Islamabad Correspondent

President Zia-ul-Haq has invited Pakistan's 35 million registered voters to elect him as President for five more years, in a contest in which he will be the only candidate.

The President, by announcing the surprise referendum on December 19 on his Islamic policies, has scrapped his plans to have a President chosen by the National Assembly after a promised election.

The main opposition alliance of 11 banned parties will boycott the referendum, described as a "crude joke with the people" by Shah Ahmad Noorani, leader of the JUP religious party.

"Whatever the future holds I don't expect my tastes will change much."

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DUBLIN SUMMIT FACES FAMILIAR CRISIS WARNING

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent

LEADERS of the 10 Common Market governments begin a two-day summit in Dublin today confronted by familiar warnings that failure to agree could plunge the Community into a new political crisis.

But in marked contrast to previous meetings the British budget problem is not at the centre of the EEC's dispute.

Mrs Thatcher will fly to Dublin satisfied that the deal struck at Fontainebleau in June has provided a solution, at least for some years, to the quarrel over Britain's excessive contributions.

Her main concern may be that the intricate financial arrangements could come unstitched if the summit fails to yield a breakthrough on the linked question of enlargement. By far the main issue will be the deal struck in the summer to admit Spain and Portugal.

The problem has been the Ten's failure to define an offer to Madrid on wine, fish and agriculture as various members have sought to protect their own vital and seriously threatened national interest.

Huge wine surplus
Wine is easily the most important of these and most attention will be focussed on technical measures to deal with the huge production surplus already costing £800 million a year before Spain's entry.

The dispute pits France against Italy. They hold strongly opposed views on how to cut the surplus, with Italy strenuously resisting the idea of national production quotas favoured by France.

Although foreign ministers came close to a breakthrough last week in Brussels, the Italians proved impossible to budge and hopes are not high for major progress in Dublin.

However, it is generally agreed that if something could be achieved on wine the other problems in the enlargement package could be dealt with reasonably quickly.

Vital date
But complete failure could throw the whole enlargement process into disarray and threaten what Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister and EEC president, described last week as "profound political consequences".

For both the Spanish and Portuguese governments entry into the Community on Jan. 1, 1986, is a matter of vital political importance. Delay of the entry date would also have

serious internal consequences for the present members. West Germany has said it will not implement an agreed increase in the Community's income until enlargement takes place. Without extra funds in 1985 the EEC will run short of money next Autumn.

Budget ministers last week established spending for next year on the basis of income available but the European Parliament has challenged this as providing for only 10 months of spending at the committed rate.

A separate tangle over 1984 spending will also arise. This concerns a text on "budgetary discipline" aimed at curbing future spending in general and keeping growth in agricultural outlays to less than the rise in EEC income.

Unless the text is agreed Britain will not pay its share (£120 million) of an emergency £900 million budget enabling the EEC to meet its bills in the current year.

Spending controls
The policy is being blocked by Denmark in a dispute over the involvement of the European Parliament in the setting of spending controls.

The other major topic is a report on overhauling EEC institutions aimed at improving decision taking by, among other things, restricting the right of states to veto policies and increase the Parliament's powers.

The report, drawn up by a committee led by an Irish senator, Mr James Dooge, is broadly welcomed by most members, though Britain is strongly critical of many specific recommendations.

However, one of these, namely that each member country, be allowed only one EEC Commissioner, is supported by London and stands some small chance of acceptance.

At present Britain, France, Germany and Italy each have two commissioners in Brussels, because of their large populations. But with the overall total set to rise to 17 after enlargement the Commission threatens to become impossibly cumbersome.

Thatcher plan to cool Chequers controversy

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

DURING her visit to Dublin today and tomorrow Mrs Thatcher is expected to have a brief talk with Dr FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, about the controversy which followed their recent summit at Chequers.

The Irish leader was upset by the way in which Mrs Thatcher, at a post-summit Press conference, dismissed the New Ireland Forum's suggestions for constitutional change for Northern Ireland.

The Prime Minister feels that she has nothing to apologise for but she wants to assure Dr FitzGerald that she is anxious for the two governments to continue working harmoniously particularly to combat terrorism.

She also wants preparations to go ahead for another summit between them in the Republic early in the New Year, with Ulster again on the agenda.

Mrs Thatcher and Dr FitzGerald exchanged messages through diplomatic channels during the post-summit controversy and she would like to use this Dublin visit to assure him personally of her desire for better relations.

Complex relations
The Chequers meeting was referred to by Mr Hurd, Northern Ireland Secretary, in a speech at the Franco-British Council meeting in Avignon on Saturday.

He said: "Dr FitzGerald called of an extensive and constructive meeting. The Prime Minister described it as the fullest, frankest and most realistic bilateral meeting she had ever had with the Irish Prime Minister. But Anglo-Irish relations are complex."

Perhaps those who expected too much from it and were quick to express themselves disappointed. There were others who were equally quick to believe that had happened and to say it with some sense of satisfaction.

On security, Mr Hurd said: "In the terrorists of Northern Ireland we are not facing poets and dreamers of a romantic past. We are not facing enthusiasts for the liberty of Ireland whose enthusiasm has pushed them a little beyond the boundaries of the law."

"We are dealing with highly sophisticated murderers whose aim is the overthrow of the government in both Dublin and Belfast and the establishment of a totalitarian tyranny in both parts of Ireland."



ICI's fire prevention additive Avgard going up in flames in California—but American aviation officials were most impressed.

Safety jet-fuel move angers U.S. airlines

By IAN BRODIE
at Edwards Air Force Base, California

AVIATION officials pledged yesterday to press ahead with proposals to make a British anti-fire fuel additive mandatory for United States airlines, despite the test crash of a passenger jet that ended in a raging fire.

Technical experts from the Federal Aviation Administration and NASA said it appeared that two fires erupted.

First came a fireball that died out in a few seconds, followed by a second flash fire which burned so intensely firefighters ran out of foam long after the crash.

The experts believe the ICI additive, designed to prevent fires on impact, was successful

in helping to put out the initial fire within seconds and to that extent a step forward was taken towards saving lives.

But they were bewildered by what caused the second blaze which seared the jet inside and out and marred the spectacular demonstration at Edwards Air Force Base in California. They had hoped and expected that fire would not enter the passenger cabin.

Blackened hull
Mr James Woodall, director of the F.A.A.'s Technical Centre, acknowledged that any occupants would have died unless they got out very rapidly. But he was optimistic that the test would be deemed successful because of lessons learned.

Notice of proposals to bring the additive into use will be issued this month when comments will be invited from the airlines, said Adm Don

Engel, Administrator of the F.A.A.

He believes the additive is justified as a safety feature, even if not 100 per cent effective, because fire on the ground kills 40 per cent of passengers who have otherwise survived a crash landing.

Airlines are unanimously opposed to the idea because the technology is still in its infancy, according to Mr Tom Tripp, a technical observer for the industry group, the Air Transport Association, who expressed astonishment at the F.A.A. decision after Saturday's test left a blackened hull.

The dozen ICI observers at Edwards were greatly encouraged by the admiral's comments.

ICI's Paints Division at Slough, Buckinghamshire, has spent £8 million on research over 17 years, initially with British Government help. If the additive, known as

Avgard, was adopted worldwide it would open up a market for ICI worth £850 million annually.

Ground experiments and test crashes of smaller military aircraft have shown Avgard's secret formula can transform the inflammable mist of spilled aviation fuel into harmless droplets.

Nasa and the F.A.A. organised the remote-control crash with their customary attention to detail at a cost of nearly £10 million.

They made every effort to start a fire as the unmanned Boeing 720 ploughed into a gravel runway in the Mojave Desert from 2,000ft at 170 mph.

As it was, nowhere near 12,000 gallons burned, said Mr David Lane, New Products Manager for ICI Paints. "It wasn't as good as we expected, but the Avgard was working with 10 times more fuel than we've tried before."

'Bill of £10,000' for Khomeini refugees

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Copenhagen

IRANIAN refugees fleeing Ayatollah Khomeini's régime have to pay up to £1,000 to the East German airlines Interflug for its part in bringing them to Scandinavia, according to the Danish refugee organisation.

The Danish government is considering asking East Germany to "make more serious efforts" to reduce the lucrative traffic.

Denmark has experienced a 500 per cent increase in Gulf War refugees this year.

The increase is seriously worrying the authorities as must refugees arrive having been given false promises of a life of permanent welfare and job security as political refugees.

"We have received some harrowing reports of what these people have been through and promised," said Mr Bjorn Elmquist a Liberal MP.

While only 438 refugees arrived from Iran and Iraq in 1985, some 2,520 have turned up in the first 11 months of 1986. Of these 1,600 are Iranians, 300 Iraqis and 200 Turks.

"This is an alarming increase which suggests there is an organisation taking advantage of new refugee laws in Denmark," an official spokesman said yesterday.

"The majority of Iranians

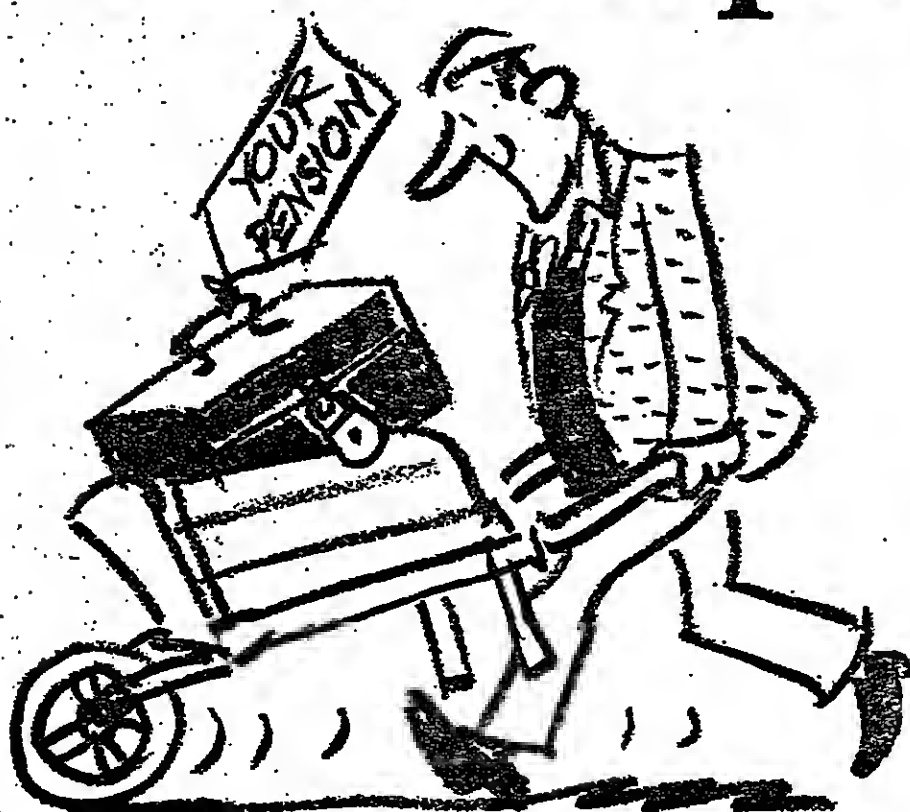
£10,000 total

Then they go to the East German Embassy and buy a transit visa to East Berlin. The next stop is the airline offices where they have to pay £10,000 for a flight to East Berlin.

"Then a train fare to Copenhagen takes them across the Baltic Sea to Denmark, where they throw away their passports and ask for political asylum," said the spokesman. The entire trip can cost £10,000.

"The worst thing is that they are not insured asylum as they have been told and even risk being sent back to Iran unless they can prove their refugee status," said the director of Denmark's Alien Directorate. At present 15 cases hang in the balance.

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complexity which would be the inevitable result of the proposals as they stand.

The Pru prefers evolution to a radical re-shaping. And in holding on to those arrangements which work and are already in place. We don't want to see the baby thrown out with the bath-water!

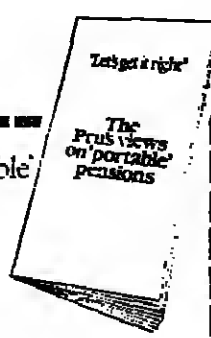
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BERLIN SHOUTING PROTEST

By Our Staff Correspondent

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ABOLITION BILL: MORE CON THAN CON

Today and tomorrow, MPs in the Commons are debating the Government's controversial Bill to abolish the six metropolitan county councils.

Introducing it last week, Local Government Minister Kenneth Baker proclaimed: "The Bill will bring about major improvements in local government in our great cities. It will mean that local government will be more local, more accessible, more economical and more accountable."

If such claims are remotely true, why has the abolition issue attracted such massive opposition? After all, doesn't everyone want to see greater efficiency and increased effectiveness of services in all walks of life?

The key factor is that the Government's claims are a world apart from all the factual evidence produced in a series of independent studies.

Mr Baker says the Bill's enactment would lead to minimum savings to ratepayers of £50 million a year in the six metropolitan counties. Would it?

No, say top financial consultants Coopers & Lybrand Associates who, in deciding that abolition could cost the metropolitan ratepayers as much as £69 million extra every

year, said: "Our updated analysis does not support the Government's claims for savings as a result of the re-allocation of functions detailed in the Bill."

"We conclude there are unlikely to be any net savings and that there could be significant extra costs. We have not been able to reconcile the difference between the Government's estimate and our estimate."

Mr Baker also says the Bill would mean "better local government" handing most of the metropolitan county council functions to the districts, removing confusion, streamlining services. Would it?

No, say internationally renowned P.A. Management Consultants whose report refutes all of the Government's streamlining claims, stating that: "The existing structure provides a more effective, more accountable and less complex framework for providing services than the Government's alternative structure."

PA's consultants added: "We have been unable to find a single service where the quality of service is likely to be improved as a result of the change in structure. In many cases, we believe there will be a marked decline in quality."

The Abolition Bill itself is a very thick and complex document. Yet, like the White Paper before it, its claims are hollow; its proposals transparent. Which may explain why the experts have seen right through it: a Bill that won't save money. A Bill that complicates rather than streamlines local government, making it less local and far less accountable. A Bill that fails even to meet its own objectives.

As PA's report concludes: "We believe there is little doubt that if the proposals are enacted in their present form, Parliament will be considering further changes in the metropolitan local government system within the next decade."

So, today and tomorrow, when MPs debate a matter whose outcome will affect the lives of more than 11 million people, they might do well to reflect on The Guardian's recent leader column in which the newspaper surmised: "It is impossible to read the Bill without asking one question: What on earth is the point of it all? Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, insists that nothing has altered the Government's conviction about an unnecessary tier of local government. But the emphasis is increasingly on the con."

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FARMER'S DIARY

Taking stock of passengers on the District Line

JAMES GLADSTONE on an annual event that brings the country up to Town

WE yokels will be conspicuous on the District Line this week, heading for Ears Court and the Royal Smithfield Show. No other event lures so many of us to London.

We will not look the same as the sophisticated City-bound District Line passengers. It is not that we shall have our trousers tied at the knee with twine, or wear smocks, or suck straws. The differences will be more subtle than that.

Our shoes will be stouter than the City man's, our best suits heavier and hairier and tending more to greens and browns than blues and greys. We shall carry hats or caps in preference to umbrellas and our faces, ruddier than the habitual commuter's, will reveal an eagerness and excitement about being in town that will contrast favourably with the looks of listless resignation worn by those for whom London is an everyday chore.

The deeper we sink into the mud of our farms, the more we feel like hayseeds when we venture into the metropolis. People, traffic and noise combine to instil in us feelings of insecurity which we seldom suffer in our own familiar surroundings. Is this the right train? Is it going my way? Where is the ticket? Have I the correct change? Can I squeeze in that carriage?

Dangers that

lie in wait

London is a hundred little dangers never faced in the farmyard or the fields.

There are so many people and things to be avoided. In the field, where he only has to steer clear of cowpats, the farmer walks with his eyes on a point about two yards in front of his leading wheel. In Regent Street such a narrow vision leaves him either under a bus or head-butting oncoming shoppers.

If he raises his gaze to see the people, the shop windows and the traffic, an unsuspected curb lays him low. There are no curbs in the 10-acre meadow.

It is the speed of everything that makes us feel like yokels. There never seems to be time to stop and think, let alone talk. The further from London we live, the more noticeable this is, for the speed of living decreases in direct relation to the number of miles between the barn and Piccadilly Circus.

Although it is uncomfortable to feel like humpkins, we quietly suspect we are superior to the Townies. When Arsenal played Oxford at Oxford recently, the London fans showed their ignorance by taunting their hosts with the obscure Farm Street.

Minority that has gained its majority

SANJOY ROY-CHOWDHURY on the Asian community which is seen but seldom heard

I RECENTLY watched BBC television's Asian programme on consecutive Sundays. They were dedicated to the demise of Mrs Gandhi.

There was scarcely any new material, which was no fault of the programme makers. The saturation coverage of the preceding days had shown almost everything. And though the programme was in Hindi, it had English subtitles. In other words, it was a feature which performance was neither rich in new material, nor was its target audience well defined.

Established over two decades ago, this pioneer slot helped the immigrants from the Indian nation who were often more than a little lost in an alien environment.

But 20 or so years on, times have changed. The outsiders have become far more established.

Appreciation of East and West

When I suggested to my 23-year-old son, who has been here all his life, that the ethnic programme may well be for him, he looked at me with a mixture of incredulity and humour. It is not that he has become a *pukka sahib* (English gent); his devotion to the extended family along with the grandparents and interest in Indian culture is quite remarkable. It is simply that the younger generation of Asians born or brought up in Britain has no problem of communication and has the added advantage of appreciating the cultural heritage of both East and West.

While there is an undoubted need to hear the opinions and feelings of the minority groups, some may well deem these programmes as inverted cultural apartheid.

Indeed, if the programme makers are visionary and businesslike, as they seem to be, they should make a concerted effort to include articulate members of the ethnic community in all sorts of general programmes.

Over the past few years, strides have been made in

Victims of racial attacks

In my view, almost all necessary legislation exists in Britain to mitigate areas of unfairness. It probably now needs some vigorous monitoring to ensure its effectiveness.

If about 120,000 police can move around the country because of the miners' strike, surely a crumb of that dedication, firm and sustained policing of a few black spots, could be used to eradicate pockets of cowardly racial violence.

Some of the time-honoured values of this nation are under attack from a number of directions. But it has an ally in the ethnic minority. The Asians, for one, work hard to make their corner a success which helps the country. This could do with a bit of nurturing recognition.

NOTEBOOK: TIM HEALD

IT is a matter of some surprise that, as far as I know, there is no waxwork of "An English Gentleman" in Madame Tussaud's. I see him standing on a piece of "Astro-turf" or "Cyrilwin" masquerading as a grouse moor, and I know that while other accoutrements may be open to argument, he will have a bat from Mr Lock on his head and shoes from Mr Lobb on his feet. And in his hand he will hold one of Mr Purdey's



guns. It will set him back a minimum £12,500 but nothing else will quite do. Purdey is one of those few British brand names that are still, happily if surprisingly, synonymous with excellence. They are still Gun Makers to the Queen, Prince Philip and the Prince of Wales just as they once made guns for Queen Victoria, the Russian Czar and King Alfonso XIII of Spain, described by old Tom Purdey as "the best friend Purdey's ever had". In 1962 General Franco injured his thumb out shooting with his Purdeys. Not the gun's

fault—he ordered another pair at once. W. G. Grace shot with a Purdey, as did Charles Darwin. Khrushchev ordered no less than four during the 'sixties. Prince Obolensky was a customer, likewise Boris Yeltsin.

Now, 170 years after the company's foundation, the present chairman, Richard Beaumont, has written a history. He was given the company by his uncle, Lord Sherwood, in 1949, after a family misunderstanding. Lord Sherwood had bought the company a few years earlier, because the Purdeys themselves had fallen on hard times; he had also promised Richard Beaumont a duckpond with two acres but somehow the duckpond was sold to someone else and he was prevailed upon to give Richard Purdey's instead.

The first thing I knew about the arrangements, recalls the present chairman in his book, "was when the telephone rang and I was told, 'Uncle Hughie has given you Purdey's'."

He doesn't tell the story as I heard it, which was that on being told of the gift, he exclaimed: "But I've got a pair already."

The firm's headquarters are on the corner of South Audley and Mount Street, a part of the world where, every shop front seems to have a coat of arms over the front door. Once inside you immediately sense an air of tranquil permanence. This may be illusory because there have been times when the company was a hair's breadth from collapse.

*Purdey's, The guns and the family. By Richard Beaumont. David and Charles. £15.

How do you measure up to your gun?



Purdey's across three generations: Tom Purdey in front of the portrait of his grandfather, James Purdey, the younger.

and earlier bosses, especially Purdey's, have been great characters. But once in the inner sanctum you feel that the world is as it was in, shall we say, about 1910.

Although it is central London the loudest sound is the ticking of the clock, reminding you of the interior of a Rolls-Royce which is not, as it happens, a bad analogy. On one wall the enormous picture of James Purdey, the younger, complete with monocle, tweeds, whiskers and one of his guns, dominates the room. It was painted in 1891 by Archibald Stewart-Wrightley,

R.A., who, one need hardly say, was a keen shot and a Purdey devotee. His other famous portrait is of W.G. Grace, but that hangs at Lord's. Here in what is also called the Long Room, though it is shorter than the more famous one in St John's Wood, the Doctor can be seen in one of masses of photos which plaster the walls. He looks as if he is about to blast an impatient umpire. Mr Beaumont, who is small and dapper, charming, humorous and an exceedingly keen shot himself, holds court in the Long Room, sitting at the

boardroom table which is covered in maroon cloth. If you order a gun the chances are that you will come in here and be fitted for it by Mr Beaumont or the managing director. For in that sense buying a Purdey gun is like buying a suit. You are measured for it, and the more complicated your measurements the happier the firm will be. Their craftsmen, 48 at the factory in west London, like nothing better than the challenge of sighting a gun for a man with only one eye or making a stock to accommodate a customer who has lost a few fingers missing.

There is a special adjustable gun in the Long Room, and after Mr Beaumont has discussed the sort of shooting his client will be going in for—whether it's elephants or pigeons as it were—he will bring him and the gun together and take measurements. Just like a tailor taking the inside leg. One of the great problems in shooting is not something that bothers me since I retired after my last term as a corporal, in the CCF, is that very often the left eye gets stronger with age. Or perhaps the right eye gets weaker. In any event this can be rectified by "casting off". The reputation of the great Lord Ripon evidently messed up generations of lesser shots. Lord Ripon shot with both eyes open which suited him but by no means everyone who followed suit.

After that first fitting in the Long Room, the customer goes down to the west London Shooting Grounds and has a practical session of target practice, again with an

adjustable gun. Then it's all over to the builders. Purdey's guns are "built" individually. Each stock is made from a block of seasoned walnut purchased on site in the Dordogne. After six years seasoning in France they are seasoned for another five in England. Sometimes when hand working begins an undetectable fault is dis-



covered and the whole thing has to be abandoned. And give you a further indication of how you achieve perfection each gun is tested personally by the chairman and managing director before the customer gets it. Which is more than two years after the order is first placed.

Each year the company produces only 65 to 70 weapons. In their entire existence since 1814 they have built less than 50,000—all individually numbered. A clear case of small being beautiful.

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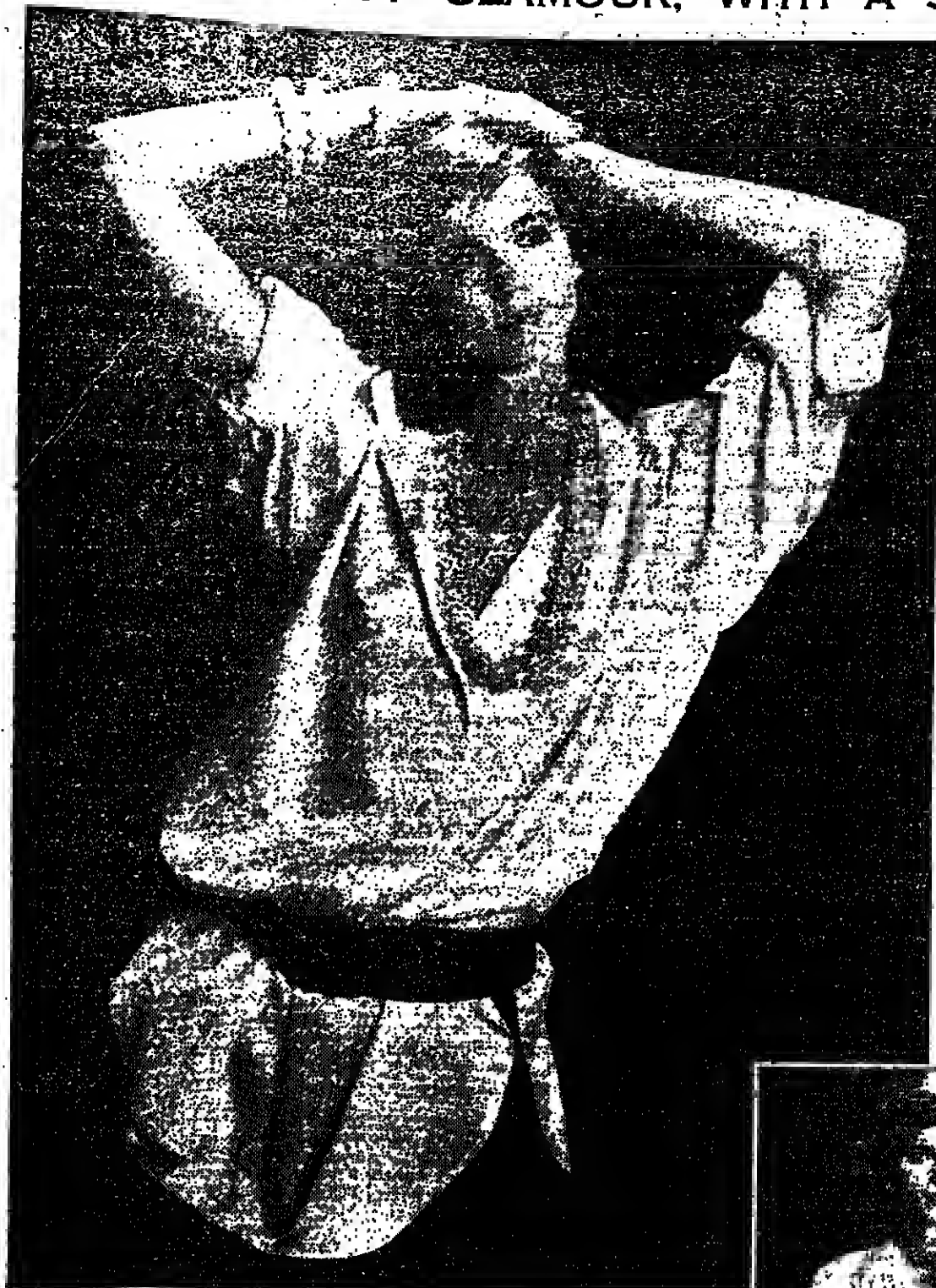
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Cream satin wrap blouse (below) with a Thirties air, sizes 8 to 14, also in garnet, £29 from all branches of Options at Austin Reed. Necklace and earrings from a selection by Monty Don at Liberty, London W1.



ADDING THE TOPPING

BY ANN CHUBB

NOTHING beats this season's soft satin shirt for a touch of instant party glamour. You can find it at all price levels too, from the designer-labelled versions in pure silk to machine wash-and-wear polyester.

The soft gleam of satin, in either pale creams and silvers or the brighter, than-bright pinks and blues, provides the perfect foil to sombre neutral colours that for most of us, form the sensible backbone of our winter wardrobe.

Satin looks as good, too, mixed unconventionally with daytime fabrics like tweed, flannel or leather as it does with the more expected black velvet or lace of evening.

It is also the perfect day-to-night fabric for the working woman — swap your demure daytime top for a T-shirt of bright shiny satin, add some dazzling diamanté.

Paul Costelloe's safari shirt in creamy pure silk, is the ultimate luxury, and in his collection he teamed it with long, lean skirts of Donegal tweed or with

wide, mannish trousers of taupe gaberdine.

A wonderful long length with proper shirt-tails, you can wear it either hip-belted, tunic-style, over a slim skirt or tuck it into trousers. You can pin a brooch beneath the collar for a demure daytime look or leave it unbuttoned and décolleté.

Marks and Spencer's shorter, simpler, polyester version at just £15-99 is a winner — beautifully tailored with just one simple button plus shoulder pads, it looks deceptively pricey, particularly in the subtle

taupe shade. Best of all, it can be popped into the washing machine, emerging with barely a crease so that the minimum of ironing is needed.

Look along the rails of lingerie at Principles (the new Burton chain, whose latest shop has just opened at Edinburgh: there will be two more by Christmas) and you will find the wonderful satin night-shirt we picture.

"Far too good to wear in bed," said our model, and teamed it dramatically with slim black trousers, wide black leather hip belt and a mass of mammoth pearls.



Oyster silk satin safari shirt, above left, also in ginger, deep green, taupe and beige, sizes 8 to 16, £89 by Paul Costelloe from Harvey Nichols, London SW1. Pearls and belt from a selection at Liberty. Right above, taupe satin shirt with a padded, tailored shoulder line in machine-washable polyester, also silver or white, sizes

10 to 18, £15-99 from 50 branches of Marks and Spencer countrywide. Soft jersey evening trousers in black, sapphire or emerald, sizes 6 to 14, £79 from all branches of Jaeger. Bow brooch, £60 by Monty Don from Harvey Nichols, London SW1.

BABY FASHION NOTEBOOK

As more very premature and low-birthweight babies survive due to improved medical care, the need for something to dress them in becomes more acute.

Tiny, scrawny babies are often not so appealing in full-term ones, and it is important psychologically for mothers to be able to present them prettily to friends rather than in over-large clothes designed for normal-sized newborns.

With this in mind, old-established babywear firm

Harringtons has developed over the past two years a special Low Birthweight Range with dresses, smocks, rompers, stretch-suits, hooded sleeping bags and knitted hats.

All are designed for the warmth and cosiness such a delicate baby needs and will fit weights from 3½ to 7½lb.

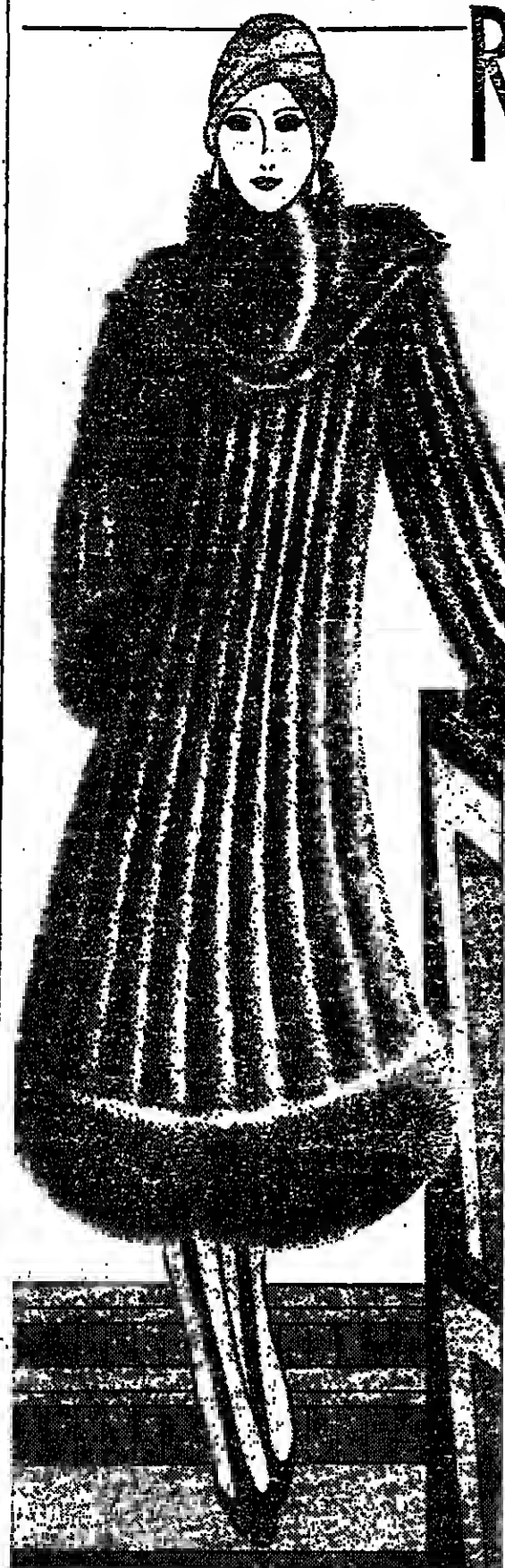
Prices go from £1-45 for hats, though £7-40 for the sleeping bags, to £10-15 for the rompers and £11-65 for the dresses — quite a lot for something the baby will

quickly grow out of and which every mother will hope will not be needed for another member of the family.

But the clothes are beautifully finished with hand-smocking and embroidery and it is worthwhile having one really well-fitting outfit for the permanent record of those first photographs. Stockists include branches of the Alders group, selected House of Fraser stores and specialist babywear shops.

Avril Groom

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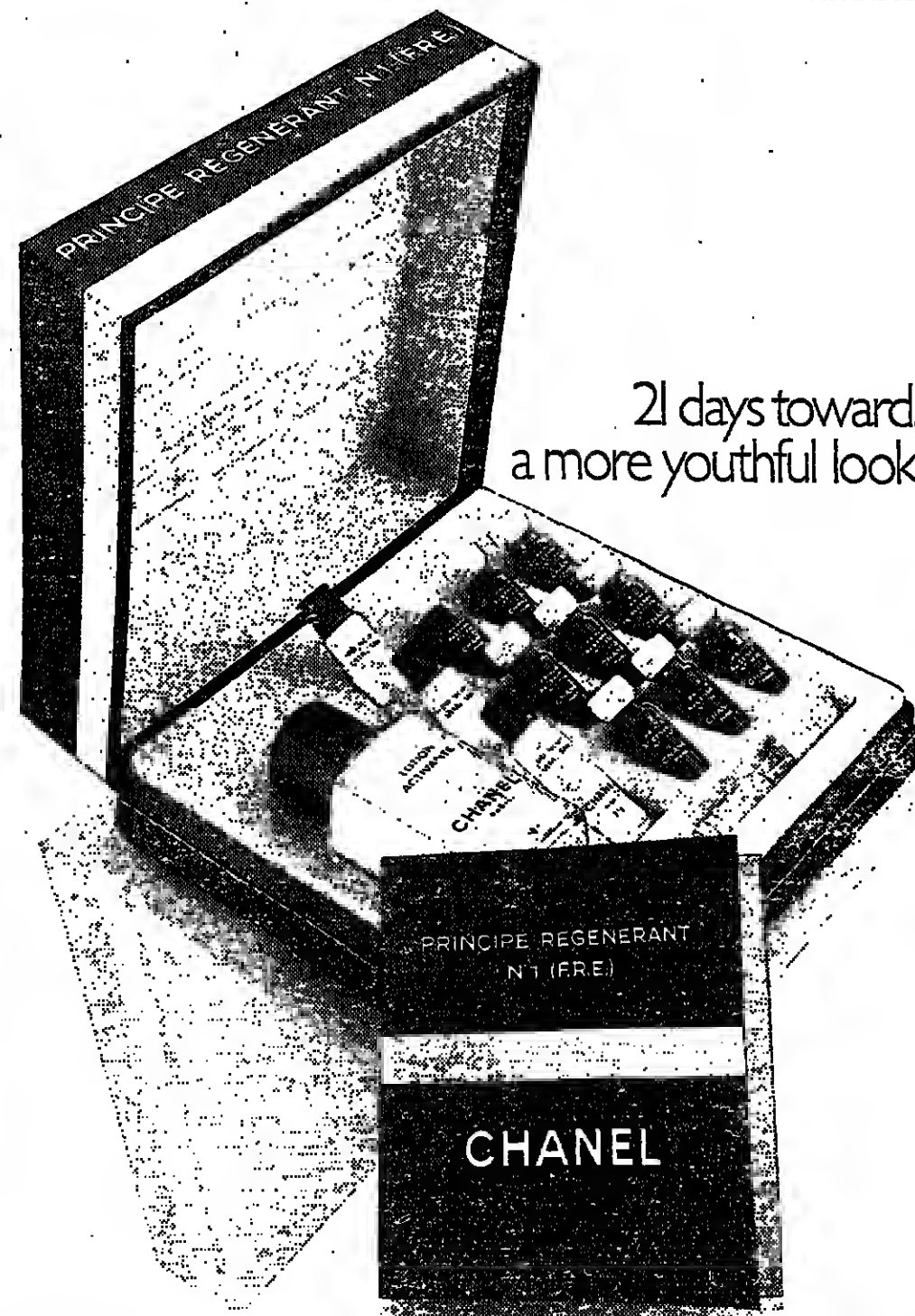
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But there is a price to be paid for that consummation. Unionists must be ready to accept arrangements designed to guarantee the nationalist minority a proper place in any system of local government that may be set up. In their moment of triumph, a generous gesture would not be out of place.



is what use politicians think that this kind of body-soothing serves. Mr Heath, for instance, seems to think that Sir Robert believed in the Welfare State: if so, that great statesman was a man of even greater prescience than one had supposed!

through force" could not have been dressed up as anything other than a reactionary attack on the working class. For, at the end of the day, Scargill's strike is aimed not at the N.C.B. nor even the Government, but at the working class. It is a determined effort to consolidate conservatism's grip on the day-to-day organisation of working-class affairs in the trade unions and Labour party.

dom, will be sited at the junction of Fetter Lane and New Fetter Lane by the end of 1986. Already more than £20,000 has been raised from the City Corporation, newspapers including THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, and descendants of Wilkes himself.

One problem for the sculptor will be whether to depict Wilkes's squint

He once jokingly referred to three former Presidents, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, as "so evil, bear no evil and evil." Dole, who was badly wounded in the war, is married to Elizabeth Dole, President Reagan's Transportation Secretary. At her Senate confirmation

I suggest, therefore, that the time has come for the distillers to tell all that we can decide, according to our belief which should indicate not only the quantity and strength but also the proportion of malt in the blend.

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Old age prisoner
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Constable scene threatened by coach park plan

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE hordes of tourists who visit Salisbury's gothic cathedral and contribute handsomely towards the upkeep of the magnificent building have unwittingly caused a rift between its Dean and Bishop.

In an attempt to relieve the congestion caused in the walled Cathedral Close by tourist coaches, the Dean, the Rev. Sydney Evans, has submitted a plan to Salisbury council which suggests turning the water meadows, nearby into a coach park.

The landscape was immortalised in Constable's study 'Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows'.

The plan, which has the support of the Cathedral Chapter, has brought a swift and angry response from several quarters.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Dr John Baker, first heard of the proposal on Thursday after his wife noticed the planning application in a local newspaper.

Dr Baker, speaking from his residence, which would overlook the planned coach park, said yesterday: "I feel this proposal is most unwise. It would create enormous problems for the residents of the Close, which is the finest example of its kind in the country and has remained unchanged for over 800 years."

Attention grabber

The bishop, who is a close friend of the dean, said he felt that there had been "no discussion" over the plan and that it was merely a way of attracting attention to the problem.

"The dean and chapter are desperate to solve the problem but I think it is very unlikely that planning permission would be granted in this case," said the bishop.

Mr Robert Key, the city's Conservative M.P. who lived in the Close for 35 years and attended the Cathedral School, said yesterday: "I am well aware of the terrible traffic problems, which have got worse and worse over the last 10 years."

"Modern coaches are totally incompatible with a medieval town and we need to look for a radical long-term solution to this problem, which would still bring people to the cathedral and the town without spoiling this great part of our national heritage."

Mr Key said the dean was very upset that the problem had been portrayed "as some sort of Barchester Towers chronicle" and he added that he was prepared to raise the matter in the Commons if it would help a solution.

Mr John Cordle, a Close resident and former Conservative M.P. for Bournemouth East, offered a solution yesterday. He said: "We could use part of the old parish garden instead of the meadows which would be an enormous pity but it would save endangering the peace and tranquillity of this beautiful place by using the water meadows as a coach park."

Falling that we could try to make a parking place further away and bus tourists into the cathedral.

He said: "The cathedral is a jewel of interest to the nation and unless we safeguard it the place could be destroyed."

In the summer months more than 30,000 people a week pay 50p a head to visit the cathedral and this, said Mr Cordle, had prompted the dean and chapter to worship the God of Money—Mammon.

The dean declined to comment yesterday.

20 SACKED IN LENIN TOWN

Twenty local officials have been sacked in Ulyanovsk, Lenin's birthplace, and nine of them thrown out of the Communist party for abusing their powers, Pravda said yesterday.

The party daily said it had received many letters from people in Ulyanovsk, 375 miles southeast of Moscow, complaining about disrespectful local officials.

—Reuter.

£1,072,311 WILL

Mr Victor Silverman, of Rochester Lane, Putney, who died on June 29, left an estate valued at £1,072,311 net (£1,092,311 gross). He left his interest in his membership of "Lloyd's" equally between his three daughters and the residue to his wife, Muriel.

Viscountess Chelsea, who died on August 21, aged 46, left £105,214 net (£105,120 gross). She was a fashion journalist and a prominent supporter of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

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Lunch at a quiet little French place

A BOOM in expense account lunches is taking off — from South-end airport, where businessmen often prefer to fly across the Channel in search of cheaper better food.

Many companies have their own small plane to save travel time for busy executives," said M. Gerard Barroo, press attaché for Calais Chamber of Commerce and the Harbour Board. "It makes sense for them to use it to fly over to Calais, where they can discuss their business in intimate surroundings over good food for which they pay much less than they would at home."

Menu gastronomique

"They come over in the morning and go back in the evening," he said in Calais. "Le Clement, at Ardres, 20 kilometres from the airport, has four or five places a week with on to four businessmen on a flight. Sometimes they bring clients."

"Sometimes they are meeting people from one of the companies in France in which there is a British interest."

The menu gastronomique, reckoned the best in the area costs 250f (about £25) for seven courses, half the price of a similar menu in London.

The menu gastronomique at another Calais restaurant, "Le Chateau de Calais", is 195f (about £18) with choices of salmon, langoustine, escargots, duck, turbot and beef with a bottle of wine per person.

'Illegitimate' daughter to claim inheritance

THE 24-year-old allegedly illegitimate daughter of a barrister is expected to go to court to claim her inheritance from the £500,000 estate of the man she thought was her grandfather.

Mr William Bruce Spalding, 54, a barrister, declared last year that he was not the father of two of his wife's four daughters, Catriona, 24, and Gervaise, 22.

Lawyers believe the girls could now be deprived of up to £500,000 left to each of them by Mr Spalding's father, Capt. Tom Spalding, who married into a wealthy publishing family.

But yesterday Mr Nicholas Munns, solicitor for Catriona, said: "My client is likely to make a claim under the estate."

Public declaration

Catriona was spending yesterday with her fiancé, an airline pilot. He said: "We have no comment to make."

Mr William Bruce, as Mr Spalding is known to the family, a patent lawyer of Chiswick, with a practice in New Court, Middle Temple, made a statutory declaration last December that the two girls were illegitimate.

Their birth certificates were then altered to omit the name of the father and his occupation.

Until then the girls, with their sisters Leonie, 25, and Simone, 20, were to inherit

PRISON POST FOR WOMAN

MISS Josephine Fowler, 37, is to become deputy governor of Winslow Green prison, Birmingham, considered one of the country's largest and most overcrowded all-male jails.

The appointment takes effect today. It is believed to be the first time a woman has been given such a senior job in a prison of this size.

Women governors and deputy governors have previously been appointed only at smaller male custodial centres.

Miss Fowler, who will earn between £16,397 and £20,287, has been at the prison for a week for a hand-over period and now starts an induction course. She joined the prison service at 22 after studying to be a teacher.

Her last appointment was as governor of Whiston detention centre, Nottinghamshire.

"I asked to come to Winslow Green, because I wanted to broaden my experience," she said. "It will be quite a challenge."

BOND WINNERS

The winners of this week's major Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000, 161P 758535 (winner lives in West Midlands); £50,000, 132K 028905 (Bedfordshire); £25,000, 16YP 505157 (Surrey).

Residents use own wheel clamp on parking pests

By DAVID MILLWARD

ANNOYED by persistent illegal parking on their private estate, a residents' association in Nottingham have taken a leaf out of the Metropolitan police's book and introduced the wheel clamp.

According to Mr John Hallam, a solicitor and chairman of Park Residents' Association, pirate parking on the estate's seven miles of road has become so bad that drastic action was called for.

The spiked clamp made its debut last week, much to the interest of police and to the distress of one motorist who had to pay £25 to the association to have his car freed.

Had he attempted to drive off his tyres would have been ripped to shreds.

Although half the house on the estate have garages, the roads became clogged with cars belonging to commuters who refuse to pay to use nearby city centre car parks.

Mr Hallam said the association has only one clamp, but is considering buying more. Residents take turns as "vigilante traffic wardens."

He was confident of the legality of the clamps, even though the land is owned by Oxford University out the residents themselves.

Police wary

"It has yet to be tested in the courts," he added. "But we are prepared to take any measures to eliminate this trespass on our private road."

"If Oxford University wants the money from the fines it can have it."

A spokesman for Nottingham police said motorists who caused obstruction on the estate could face prosecution just as they would on the public highway.

The police had taken no action against the association last week because the motorist whose car was clamped made no complaint.

But each case would be dealt with on its merits. "Personally I would not advocate any individual using clamps on a car. We don't use them at all up here."

JUNGLE BOY ADOPTED BY SURGEON

A BOY from the Amazon jungle whose face was disfigured by disease when he was a baby, has been adopted by the Scottish surgeon who saved him.

Marjorie, wife of the consultant surgeon, Mr Ian Jackson, yesterday received the adoption papers sent from Peru for David Lopez, 10.

The story of "Roy David" was shown on B.B.C. television. A child his face was completely eaten away by a disease called noma.

Mr Jackson, a plastic surgeon at Canniesburn Hospital, Glasgow, met David on a trip to Lima.

He brought him to Scotland for a series of operations to restore his features. The Jacksons took David into their family with their own four children while he underwent more than 50 operations. Donations of £50,000 flooded in to pay for treatment.

More operations needed

The couple wanted to adopt David to protect his future. In Britain he was an illegal immigrant and in America, where the family moved, he was an illegal alien. The situation was complicated by changes in adoption law in Peru.

But last month a Peruvian judge agreed to sign the adoption papers which reached Mrs Jackson yesterday.

She said: "The important thing now is that David will have the same status as our own children. He is just a normal 10-year-old boy. He tries hard in class and is a smashing athlete. He will need more operations later."

Mrs Jackson has written a book about David in an attempt to help people to understand and cope with facial deformities, and as a way of thanking everyone who took an interest in him. It will be published in the Spring.

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Reaping a bitter harvest

INTERNATIONAL Harvester Co. may have been the first of the big farm equipment manufacturers to give up on its money-losing machinery division, but its executives are right about the state of the farm industry: it will not be the last.

For \$430 million International Harvester, whose bright red farm equipment has dotted agricultural landscapes from New Zealand to Wales, agreed to sell its farm machinery operations and all its overseas subsidiaries to Tenneco Inc.

In the process International Harvester, which once employed nearly 100,000 people worldwide, will be reduced to a domestic truck company with no overseas divisions and few foreign sales.

As recently as last August the company's executives told reporters that they had no intention of selling the farm equipment division, which had been losing nearly \$300 million annually in past years.

What changed their minds? The realisation that the farm equipment market, which is suffering from excess capacity and sluggish farm prices, will never pick up enough to bring the industry out of its Harvester, back to profitability.

"We've had to recognise that the outlook for the farm economy, especially in the United States, over the course of the next few years is not good," explains International Harvester's chief financial officer Jim Cotting.

"The outlook for the farm equipment business is for a very modest and slow recovery. We saw that it would take several years to achieve a level of financial performance in the

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business that we felt necessary — and a significant investment and fair amount of risk to boot.

There was also worry about Washington, Mr Cotting notes. A big mine is about at the White House to do in the farm industry what has been done to the airlines, trucks and banking industries, namely, reduce the government's role in the business.

"The administration has said that one of its top priorities during the next year is to re-think farm policy and the way the government supports the farm economy," Mr Cotting says. "For the past 20 years we have had policies involving farm subsidies which a large number of people now believe aren't the right kind of policies needed to return the farm economy to health."

Mr Cotting thinks that the United States' government's considerable involvement in the farm economy will be drastically cut back in coming years. Harvester's executives decided not to stick around and face the industry's fallow that usually follows government policy shifts.

The airlines and trucking industries have faced adjustments in the wake of "deregulation." It resulted in mergers, consolidations and some bankruptcies.

"In the trucking industry you had a situation where the changes in government policy, deregulation, which was the right thing to do in the long term for the industry, caused several years of difficulty. We see that potential in the farm economy, as well."

Even if the Reagan team does not alter farm policy, subsidies or regulation in the agriculture industry, farm gear makers, currently operating at 40 p.c. of capacity, could still face a shakeout, the Harvester officer explains.

"There is certainly overcapacity in the farm machinery industry. There is a need for dramatic change. It must take place. You can see that just by looking at the companies and the condition that they're in."

Although Mr Cotting refuses to speculate which companies would be affected by an overhaul in the industry does occur, Massey-Ferguson and Allis-Chalmers top most analysts' list of consolidation targets. John Deere, the industry leader, is the only company believed to be healthy enough to survive a shakeout.

Lauren Chambliss

Telecom shares may open with 40p premium

By ROLAND GRIBBIN

ESTIMATES of today's opening premium on British Telecom shares were being revised upwards to 40p yesterday, an 80 p.c. profit on the partly-paid 50p shares, after the formal release of details about the record-breaking issue.

The maximum allocation of 800 shares to the public and the rejection of any bid for more than 100,000 had jobbers planning around-the-clock service when dealings get under way, reworking their calculations.

One said: "It's going to be a nightmare to start with. The main problem is going to be to find the sellers, and it's going to be very difficult to find the right level."

I feel the premium will be around 25p. But it could go higher. It's unlikely there will be any small shareholders selling to take profits and institutions will be disappointed at getting nothing extra.

Another said: "It's hazardous to guess, but I think the premium could be between 30p-40p. People will be pleasantly surprised. If it goes high the United States investors may well come in as sellers."

Terry Connor, senior partner in Bisgood, Bishop, said: "The response hasn't come as a surprise. The small market has been looked after and the City will be quite happy to take second place, but it's difficult to say what the premium will be."

Earlier estimates about the premium ranged up to 20p, but the size of the oversubscription and freeing out of institutions looking to top up their allotments as well as major professional investors was yesterday's chaotic trading.

The 2.56 billion shares on offer in Britain attracted applications for 12.75 billion worth — a 100 per cent oversubscription. The normal annual equity investment in the London market.

Currys in legal move to block Dixons bid

By JOHN RUDOLFSKY

DIXON Group's £250 million takeover bid for Currys Group, which on Friday looked to be home and dry, took an astonishing turn over the weekend as Currys successfully mounted a legal action to block the deal.

Currys, which had been in talks with the City Take-over Panel ahead of a hearing this morning in a High Court judge's chambers, the Stock Exchange halt trading in Currys shares before the market opens.

On Friday Scottish Amicable, with 0.7 p.c. of Currys, sent its brokers round to Dixons' advisers Morgan Grenfell to withdraw their acceptance. The broker's authority was apparently questioned, withdrawn and refused and shortly afterwards Dixons claimed victory with 50.6 p.c. of the shares in its favour. Later in the day it said it had 51.4 p.c.

Currys believes that Scottish Amicable should have been able to withdraw and claims other institutions were thinking of doing the same until they heard Dixons had won.

Johnson forecasts upturn

JOHNSON Group Cleaners, fighting off a £20 million takeover bid from Marks & Spencer's supplier Nottingham Manufacturing, yesterday predicted that it will make 26.1 million pre-tax profits for the 52 weeks to December 31.

This is down on the 28.3 million the group made in the 52-week period to the end of September. But, more important, it predicts it will make 25.7 million in the first half of 1985 compared with the rather poor £2.7 million it made in the interim stage this year.

The first half was down because of the exceptionally hot weather and the start of the miners' strike. Full year figures further reflect these factors.

Next year's interim forecast assumes no change in the miners' situation but does assume the weather will be normal. It also takes into account the first positive 250,000 new jobs from Johnson's string of United States contributions.

Given the forecast, the group plans a 15-42p second interim

COMPUTERS

Portables prove popular

PORTABLE typewriters are seldom ported further than cupboard to desk and back again, but people continue to buy them because they are light, compact and cheap. And one of the few detectable trends at the recent American Comdex show was a similar preference in computers.

These are different from the transportables which are the size of a small suitcase, weigh up to 30 pounds and need mains power — new technology is providing a new generation of fully capable machines the size of portable typewriters and weighing under 10 pounds.

Industry experts reckon this is where the future lies. Research company Dataquest

LOMBARD STREET

CITY CATS SEE THE CREAM

THE sound of meowing echoes along that oddly-named City byway Crutched Friars. From a dozen marketplaces cats come loping in.

They have been shown the way to the dairy and they want their share of the cream. But, as the meowing grows louder, the cream threatens to run dry.

Crutched Friars (their "crutches" were crosses) is the home of the International Commodities Clearing House, which handles and guarantees contracts in everything from next month's exchange rates to next year's potato crop.

Now the Clearing House has made a contract of its own, a new deal with a major customer, LIFFE — in full, the London International Financial Futures Exchange. That deal has filled LIFFE's saucer and has set all the other cats meowing.

When they look closer they may mew louder. They will doubtless know that the Clearing House is cutting its clearing charges to LIFFE by 63 p.c. or more and renegotiating the charge for its guarantee. Wait until they work out what the deal is worth to LIFFE.

At an average trading level of 10,000 lots a day, LIFFE will save £1.1 million a year. If the average rises to 15,000 lots, LIFFE will save £1.5 million. The market is now averaging between 11,000 and 12,000 lots.

In addition LIFFE get an immediate payment, from the Clearing House, of £280,000. Then there are new terms for interest on the money put up as margin and in effect banked with the Clearing House. These, on a line through last year's figures, will be worth about £500,000 in additional interest paid to members of the market — to be split between themselves and their customers.

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existence; and to the little group who assemble in the Baltic Exchange's marble transept, to deal in potato futures, and who, if short of November potatoes on Friday, found themselves comprehensively mashed.

The Commodities Exchange must be the Clearing House's biggest customer, and in a sense since refugees from Germany — where Bismarck had outlawed futures trading — set up the Clearing House with the backing of the sugar trade. The first chairman was a Mr Czarnikow — then, as now, a mighty name in that market.

The Clearing House's services vary from customer to customer and comparisons could mislead, but the Exchange would rely on its long and close connection to earn terms no less fair than those given to anyone else.

The Clearing House ruled off its books on Friday night at the end of its financial year. In the year to November 1985, profits before tax had risen by more than half to £8,936,000.

But the year just ended will fall a good way short of that, with quiet times in many markets. The opening of a new year would not be the most propitious moment to cede LIFFE £1.6 million or

more out of the profits — even if the ceding were to stop at LIFFE.

Wherever the ceding has to stop the Clearing House and its customers have to work out new relationships. There, too, LIFFE has shown the way. LIFFE and the Clearing House are working together on a system to be operated by a jointly-owned company. This will be non-profit-making and will contract much of its work out to the Clearing House — provided the price is right.

The Commodities Exchange is thinking over this portent. Some of its members have balked after a direct stake in the Clearing House. Others argue that since the Clearing House sets rules for the market — for instance, on margin requirements — its independence should confirm its impartiality.

The LIFFE solution could meet both cases. But the Clearing House, as Ian McGaw, its managing director, says, "faces a fairly tricky transition."

Just as well, for all concerned, to be facing it with the support of shareholders whose idea of the transitional is longer than next week, or next year. It was not always so. In 1959 war closed the markets, postwar controls kept them closed, but one shrewd man

guessed, they would, recover — Gibson Jarvis of United Dominion Trust.

In 1950 UDT took over the Clearing House. If it sat, rather oddly with UDT's hire-purchase business and its car hire, it did not matter until the mid-1970s, when UDT ran into storms and had to be rescued by the Bank of England's Macebert.

The Clearing House was strong, its business was booming — but, as the guarantor of every contract in many major markets, it found itself owned by a company whose own credit could not stand on its own feet.

Big four

The Trustee Savings Bank finally bought UDT out of the lifeboat and an August consortium bought the Clearing House from the TSB. The Big Four banks have 20 p.c. each. Williams & Glyn's and Standard Chartered 10 p.c. each.

Their backing for the Clearing House was an unwritten condition of the Bank of England in allowing LIFFE to be set up. But they bought it when it was making record profits, more than £12 million, and they paid proportionately.

Their patience should earn its keep. In London, the new securities markets will be overcrowded places with more market-makers, willing or forced to take bolder views — and needing the safety net which a futures market can give. Deregulation, spreading across the world's markets, may bring more business to the Clearing House's network of branches and clearing systems spread across five continents, ready for the 24-hour trading which will now be the style of futures markets.

As the regulations lift the strength of the Clearing House's guarantee, and the depth of its backers' pockets, will matter more than ever. As boundaries blur and markets overlap the Clearing House can offer centralised services — offsetting credits and debits between markets, cutting out the duplication of payments, and documents, and computer systems, and the use of collateral. The shareholders know, too, that it all means new business across their own counters.

There should, then, be cream for all in the end. But try telling that to the cats now.



Consumer spending

spending to soar

CONSUMER spending is set to grow by 6.1 per cent this year, according to the Henley Centre for Forecasting.

"If one were to assume, for the purposes of illustration, that present day prices were in force five years hence, then consumer spending would be worth some £160bn extra."

Alternatively, claims Henley, for every £12 now being spent by consumers, in 1989 there would be an additional £1 spent.

'New money' falls

STATISTICS compiled by Samuel Montagu show that the amount of "new sterling money" raised by the issue of marketable securities decreased slightly in November to £625m, compared with £725m in October and £535m in November 1984.

Nineteen companies raised new money. Three companies obtained full listings during the month, raising £5.6m in new money. Of the nine companies entering the unlisted securities market, raising some £16m, all but one were by way of a placing.

Bishop's attack

THE Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, hit out at high interest rates in the December issue of Banking World. He says that there are "grave moral objections to some modern loans and interest."

The biblical injunctions may no longer be applicable to interest as such, says the Bishop. "But they are still relevant to all interest which exploits the poor."

Anglo-American

MONEY BROKER Charles Fulton is forming two joint venture companies with United States government securities broker Cantor Fitzgerald in London to deal in the market makers in both British and United States government securities.

The companies will be American-style "inter-dealer brokers" and offer a screen service to match bargains between market makers who find themselves long or short.

By Michael Beckett

Both the One and the Pro-

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Nigeria

In Nigeria three factors benefitted the group. Firstly, a four year £100 million capital expenditure programme to increase local manufacturing capacity had reached completion; secondly, the Nigerian Government, having classified soaps and detergents as essential commodities, provided the requisite import licenses for raw materials and spare parts; thirdly, the group continued its policy of financing adequate levels of its raw material and other import requirements. Operations in Nigeria thus made a significant contribution to the Government's efforts to alleviate shortages and also produced higher profits.



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Plenty of scope for greater productivity

A CURIOUS form of economic schizophrenia seems to afflict current discussions of productivity. Claims of a productivity "breakthrough" are hailed as heralding a new economic dawn in which a revitalised British industry is emerging phoenix-like from the ashes of recession to take on all comers.

At the same time rapid productivity growth is regarded as inimical to jobs, raising disconcerting visions of a select band of privileged workers, aided by robots and word processors, producing the goods and services society demands while a vast and growing army of jobless and marginalised convicts on the bread-line.

The facts are fortunately somewhat more prosaic. There has without doubt been a spectacular revival of productivity in manufacturing since 1980, after a dismal performance for the previous decade. Over the past four years output per person employed has jumped by nearly a quarter compared with an increase of less than 5 p.c. between 1975 and 1979.

But a look beneath the surface reveals an underlying improvement which, while substantial, is rather less impressive.

The collapse of manufacturing output between 1979 and 1982 provoked a massive shake-out of labour, widespread factory closures and wholesale scrapping of plant and equipment, a process which on a smaller scale is still continuing. On the plausible assumption that the least efficient capacity is scrapped first, the average productivity of the remainder automatically increased. This is purely a statistical improvement, like boosting the batting average of a cricket team by not playing the tailenders. It does not mean the rest of industry is working more efficiently.

In addition, productivity has a natural tendency to rise in periods of economic recovery because companies first use their existing workforce and plant more intensively—more overtime, shiftwork and so on—before deciding whether conditions merit taking on extra workers or investing in new capacity.

A brave stab at disentangling these effects from the underlying trends, has been

ECONOMIC COMMENTARY



By Frances Williams

made by Dr John Muellbauer, of Nuffield College, Oxford, in a paper he is giving today to an independent London-based think-tank, the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

He estimates that between 1980 and 1983 output per head in manufacturing may have grown by an underlying 3 p.c. against crude recorded growth of more than 5 p.c.

This is double the meagre 1.5 p.c. averaged during the oil-shocked and inflationary 1970s, on Dr Muellbauer's adjusted figures. But it is scarcely the stuff of miracles. It is in fact significantly less than the 3.5 p.c. a year increase in (adjusted) productivity of the high-employment years between 1955 and 1973.

Manufacturing, as the most traded sector, is critically important to the health of the British economy. But it provides only a quarter of all jobs in the country and about the same fraction of output.

Measured productivity in services, especially labour-intensive services like nursing or catering, typically grows much more slowly. Output per head in the whole economy has grown recently at only half the rate of that in manufacturing.

The Treasury's view, which seems to be fairly widely accepted, is that the underlying growth of productivity overall may now be about 2 p.c. a year or slightly more.

Against 1 p.c. between 1973 and 1979 and 2.25 p.c. in the 1950s and 1960s.

We should certainly be able to improve on our 1970s performance. Industry is undoubtedly more cost and efficiency conscious. And there is plenty of scope to do better.

Output per person in British manufacturing is less than half that of Germany and Japan and not much more than a third that of the United States.

But the Treasury believes that for the economy as a whole a declining North Sea energy sector, an expanding labour force and the expectation that this will be absorbed largely by relatively low productivity occupations in service industries means that Britain may not return to pre-1975 rates of productivity growth.

This is a pity rather than a blessing. It is because of this country's relatively poor performance in the past that we have fallen ever further behind our trading partners in economic prosperity and living standards.

Countries where output per head has grown more rapidly than here also have a better unemployment record than we do. Even in Britain it tends to be the highly productive industries which have expanded fastest and created most jobs.

This is because—as the MIDLAND BANK REVIEW pointed out last week—increased productivity itself generates growth. By lowering costs it aids competitiveness and keeps inflationary pressures down. And it boosts demand through higher wages to workers through enhanced business profits which can be spent on investment and new recruitment, or through lower prices paid to the consumers' purchasing power.

These forces have been restrained in the past five years by the Government's overriding commitment to squeezing inflation out of the system. The rise in productivity has not been matched by higher output. But for any given inflation target a faster increase in productivity means the Government can afford to pursue more expansionary policies to promote growth.

With inflation now low and fairly stable, and the political pressures to do something about unemployment mounting by the day, the balance of priorities clearly in the direction of growth rather than a further significant reduction in inflation. Of this the Chancellor and his advisers are well aware.

United transfer to big league

FEW CURRENT takeover tales promise to unwind as smoothly as that of United Newspapers and Link House, publishers of Exchange and Mart.

Link House has already agreed the terms of an £89 million offer and United Newspapers has received acceptances in respect of 59.5 p.c. of Link's equity.

Considering that the terms of the share offer—247 United for every 100 Link—value the Link House shares at 780p each, which is almost 200p a share ahead of the pre-offer price, there are unlikely to be many complaints about acceptance of the bid.

With Link House forecasting £9 million pre-tax for the current year to June 30 against £7.9 million the exit earnings multiple is 16 which while not overgenerous given Link's profits record does provide a reasonable premium.

The most important feature of this takeover however is that it heavily underlines United's intention to expand into the big league, in this country and overseas.

United is capitalised at around £115 million, if the Link House takeover is completed successfully its market capitalisation will rise to more than £180 million.

Not only will that make it a

more acceptable investment to the institutions which concentrate on large companies, it will also equip it better for expansion into the United States.

United has forecast current year profits of at least £18 million and, together with the Link House projection, that suggests a pro forma profit for the enlarged group of £28.4 million even after allowing for £1.1 million interest on the estimated cash element of the offer.

That implies earnings dilution on the expanded capital of around 15 p.c. but with the price earnings multiple (actual) is 15.6.

The acquisition of Link House will bring in substantial pre-tax profits, without recourse to heavy capital investment.

There should be some scope for margin improvement in Link's magazine division which should also fit in neatly with United's previous large acquisition, Gralla Publications of the United States. Gralla has already gained useful experience in running exhibitions associated with its magazines and United might be able to apply this practice to Link.

United's shares are not expensive for a company which has increased profits from just



£1.86 million in 1981 and the longer term prospects must be enhanced by the successful completion of this purchase.

Falcon shares some way to go

FALCON RESOURCES, which came to the market to July via an introduction accompanied by a rights issue, promises to become one of the oil sector's star performers over the next couple of years.

That may seem an extravagant claim to make for a company which declared first half profits to June of just £35,000 but Falcon is developing rapidly.

When it came to the market the company, which was effectively a year old, boasted

proved and probable oil and gas reserves of \$42 million. Of these more than 90 p.c. were allotted to the 2,000 acre Little Will prospect in Colorado, about 60 miles north-east of Denver, in which Falcon has a 42 p.c. interest.

Since then it has acquired a 32 p.c. interest in a 55,000 acre site at Owl Creek one mile north of Little Will.

It has drilled 23 wells at this site since going public with only one dry well. At the Little Will site it has so far drilled 14 wells all of which have been successful.

For a drilling operation such as Falcon which is generally regarded to have a risk factor somewhere between that of "development" and "wildcat" wells that is a remarkable success rate and is explained by the fact that both the Little Will and Owl Creek prospects include two oil bearing "blanket sands" which substantially reduce the risk of a dry well.

When the company produces its first annual report early next year its proved and probable reserves will undoubtedly be many times the level shown in the rights issue document.

Profits for 1984 will be tiny but the company should be in a position to pay a small dividend. However, as the drilling pro-

gramme takes off—a further 50 wells at Owl Creek are planned before the current year ends—so internal profits estimates for 1985 are being steadily upgraded. A pre-tax total of \$5.3 million now looks a bare minimum.

The shares at 156p have already performed strongly since the 85p rights price but should still have a long way to go, assuming the company makes no further calls on shareholders in the next 18 months.

COMPANIES

Marshall's Halifax

MARSHALL'S HALIFAX, the concrete products and handling equipment group, is raising £5.3m with a one-for-five rights issue at 180p a share. Proceeds will fund the continuing policy of investing in plant and machinery; the group has also identified opportunities for investing in new products and technologies.

Opening half pre-tax profits rose from £5.02m to a record £5.43m on turnover £5.79m ahead at £5.5m.

The interim dividend is held at 2p and a maintained final of 4p is expected on the increased capital—indicating 8p for 1984-85.

Earnings came out at 10.06p (10.40p). The board was leading in the second half continued "satisfactory". In the closing months of 1983-84, the group made £2.05m pre-tax in its full year return to a record £5.07m.

Technology

TECHNOLOGY for Business, the computer systems supplier which came to the unlisted securities market in July 1983, is raising some £1.16m in an issue of 7 p.c. preference shares, to provide working capital. The board will offer institutional investors £340,000 of preference shares and offer shareholders a further £500,000 at £1 a share. Shareholders Greco & Company will find buyers for shares not allotted.

Wiljay-Gooding

GOODING GROUP, a private company which is making an agreed £10,000 bid for Wiljay, has received acceptances representing 11.5 p.c. of the Ordinary shares taking its total holding to 82.49 p.c. The offer is extended until 3.30 p.m. December 13.

Confusing times for POW

THE SHARE price movements of Comfort Hotels and Prince of Wales totalling almost identical, which is only to be expected since they are both the subject of takeover bids. Indeed, POW has actually agreed to a cash or share offer from Comfort.

Comfort, meanwhile, is fighting off so unwanted a bid from holiday group Intasun Leisure. The result certainly for POW shareholders is confusion.

Comfort's cash offer for POW is 98p a share; its share offer on the other hand is worth around 134p, but that is calculated on a price which is itself inflated by the Intasun bid.

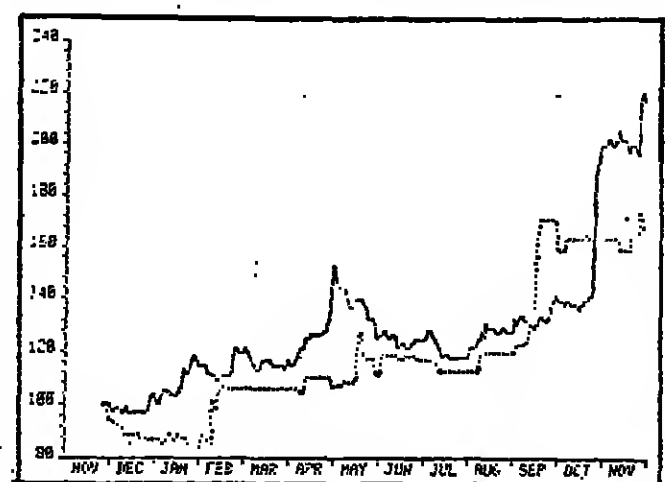
It is well known that Intasun's main interest is Comfort's earnings from its London hotels which contribute more than half of pre-tax profits.

If Comfort dilutes that proportion by bringing in POW's regional hotels, it may not strike Intasun as anything like as attractive.

Intasun has plenty of money to play around with, having just netted a £28 million surplus on the sale of assets, in addition to the £35 million cash residing in its accounts. But there must be a question mark over its intentions now.

The hotel sector has been a strong performer lately and may still have some way to go but assuming Comfort makes £3.5 million pre-tax in the current year its exit earnings multiple will be 18 times which is already up with the sector's leaders.

If Intasun were to walk away the downside could be around two points or about 15p. Considering that Intasun



Source: DATASTREAM. In a position to up its offer, Comfort holders may consider that risk worth taking. But POW holders would probably do well to sell in the market now. If Comfort's shares do come back to 60p the share offer for the POW shares will drop to 108p, against a present price of 116p.

BANKING

Midland to cut 400 staff

MIDLAND BANK International is planning to cut 400 jobs in London, based on a 1984-85 forecast, as part of a major cost-cutting exercise.

This follows staff cuts of 200 this year and 100 last year, where booming conditions in international financial markets have provided a buoyant market for jobs.

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The Midland move to cut jobs in international banking goes against the trend for the City this year and 100 last year, where booming conditions in international financial markets have provided a buoyant market for jobs.

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Crocker is also understood to be embarking on a programme of staff reductions.

Midland created a stir, three years ago, when it announced plans to reduce head office and United Kingdom branch staff by a total of 5,000 or 10 p.c. The move was seen as the bank's determination to get its cost structure under control.

At the time, Midland was heavily overstaffed compared with the other major banks.

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Daily Telegraph Share Race

WE are into the last lap of the 1984 Daily Telegraph share race and Pontland Industries looks every inch a winner. The footwear specialist has an almost unbeatable lead, although anything can still happen.

Its shares were priced at 56p (adjusted for a scrip issue) when the race started on January 3 and at this date, of our latest table they were 257p.

The sports shoe, for running and jogging have been an outstanding success, particularly in the United States. This year the group secured world selling rights which have boosted results and its share price.

But as the company tells us

its other activities have been going well too. Its Primary Footwear factory in Lancashire, for example, has increased output and taken on more staff.

Paintmaker, Donald Macpherson, taken over earlier in the year, is still holding on to second spot but Computer and System Engineering is very close behind. They have been swapping second and third places for several weeks.

Samuelson Group is perhaps putting up the strongest fight and could well improve its place before the race ends.

Final placings in the race will be announced later this month.

The drive to save money in international banking is part of a far more cost-conscious approach throughout the Midland group. Ten days ago, Midland's finance house sub-

sidary, Forward Trust, said it will be cutting staff by 550 out of a total of 2,100 as part of a restructuring programme which also involves major branch closures.

And at the beginning of the year, Midland's Northern branch subsidiary, Northern Bank, announced its intention of cutting staff by 300, or 10 p.c.

To meet the problems of international banking, Midland has also said that it plans to reduce its balance sheet by about £2 billion as an alternative to raising fresh capital at a time of investor resistance.

As a first step, Midland is understood to have launched a co-ordinated approach throughout the group to the raising and redepositing of international deposits.

Anne Segall

TOP TEN

Percentage change - Number of entrants

Pontland Industries	358.9	1
D. Macpherson	210.1	6
CASE	209.2	7
Samuelson Group	200.0	5
Hunter Group	194.9	1
James Neill	184.3	8
Illingworth Morris	170.0	30
Consolidated Modderfontein	167.9	7
Booker McConnell	163.3	3
Datastream	154.8	4

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Penalties kill off Walsham

PENALTY goals frustrated the ambitions of North Walsham, the Eastern Counties champions, as they were eliminated from the John Player Cup by a 15-7 defeat by the Bournemouth and Poole team on Saturday.

Andy Finnie's two penalty goals, both off a post, helped Bedfordshire to a 15-7 victory over North Walsham, who were eliminated from the John Player Cup by a 15-7 defeat by the Bournemouth and Poole team on Saturday.

Geoff Parker, North Walsham's vice-captain, scored the 15-7 victory over North Walsham, who were eliminated from the John Player Cup by a 15-7 defeat by the Bournemouth and Poole team on Saturday.

OXFORD TEAM ANNOUNCED

Oxford University, whose 15th win over Berkshire on Saturday ended a run of nine defeats in first class games, will field four old Blues against Cambridge in the University Match at Twickenham on Saturday.

Chris Evans, the nominated outside-half, missed the Berkshire game because of a concussion. But Tim Brien, the captain, yesterday confirmed that Oxford's side will be at full strength.

Light Blues impress in final work-out

By MICHAEL AUSTIN
Cambridge University 9 pts Nottingham 18

NEIL MANTELL, Nottingham's victorious captain and lock at Grange Road on Saturday was so surprised to be elevated to England's forward squad for training

Mantell, 31, who next summer starts his career with the University of Nottingham, was delighted to be selected for the 15th anniversary of his own England cap. He suggests that would be a good time to retire if every cap was played at Saturday's pace.

Kindred spirits, meeting for only the second time, relished an unblemished handling game, though the casual observer might have been misled by the change of strips. Cambridge, in burgundy, and Nottingham, in blue, played the first half of the match tomorrow week, regarded Nottingham as the best organised side they have met, while the Light Blues impressed Nottingham and doubtless Jerry Greenhalgh, Oxford's hooker, on a watching mission.

SATURDAY'S RUGBY UNION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL	
Ireland	10-15 Scotland
FOUR MATCH	
2nd of Scotland	10-15 Ireland
JOHN PLAYER CUP—2nd Rd	
Bedfordshire	15-7 North Walsham
Barnet	15-7 Bournemouth and Poole
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CLUB MATCHES	
Bristol	15-7 Gloucester
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LONDON & SE	
London	15-7 Sevens
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SCOTLAND PICK EIGHT OF SOUTH SIDE

By JOHN MASON
South of Scotland ... 9pts Australians ... 6

THOUGH discounting, for the time being, the vigorous claims of Sean McGaughey, Scotland's selectors call upon eight of the victorious South of Scotland team to reappear against Australia at Murrayfield on Saturday. Three more are in the match squad as replacements.

Scotland field four new caps and there is a change of captaincy, a decision having nothing to do with alterations to the Grand Slam team that have been necessary because of injuries. Roy Laidlaw, a previous captain, gets the job again.

Jim Aitken, having succeeded Laidlaw as captain after three matches in 1983 and been in charge during the surge to the top last winter, is out altogether.

He is 37 and led a depleted side in Romania last May, his 25th cap, presumably, final cap.

Less impressed
The national selectors have been less impressed with the previous Saturday's events in the rain and mud at Mansfield Park, Hawick.

There the District team, carrying all before them in the second half in the honours tradition of the University Match at Twickenham, beat the Australians by three penalty goals to two penalty goals.

Though Dods, the goalkicker, was imperative to South's victory, the goalkicker, he had been less than perfect in the first half, the hardy strength of the front five and the driving force of the back-row.

Oaks, the hooker and captain, led these activities with a customary competitiveness, reminding Far-Jones, Australia's scrum-half, that he was never very far away.

Laidlaw was the chief aid in the most respects, but in the international terms the selectors see things slightly different.

Dods, who kicked three penalty goals from six attempts, was the goalkicker, he had been less than perfect in the first half, the hardy strength of the front five and the driving force of the back-row.

Instead, Nottingham ran the ball, thriving on a closely-knit back row, on Hartley's pace, and on Oran's power.

Nottingham's tries were all from forwards, Ward, Taylor and Mantell, but the club's success in losing only four of 16 games this season was ironically due to a lack of finishing ability. Only 21 of their 51 tries have been converted.

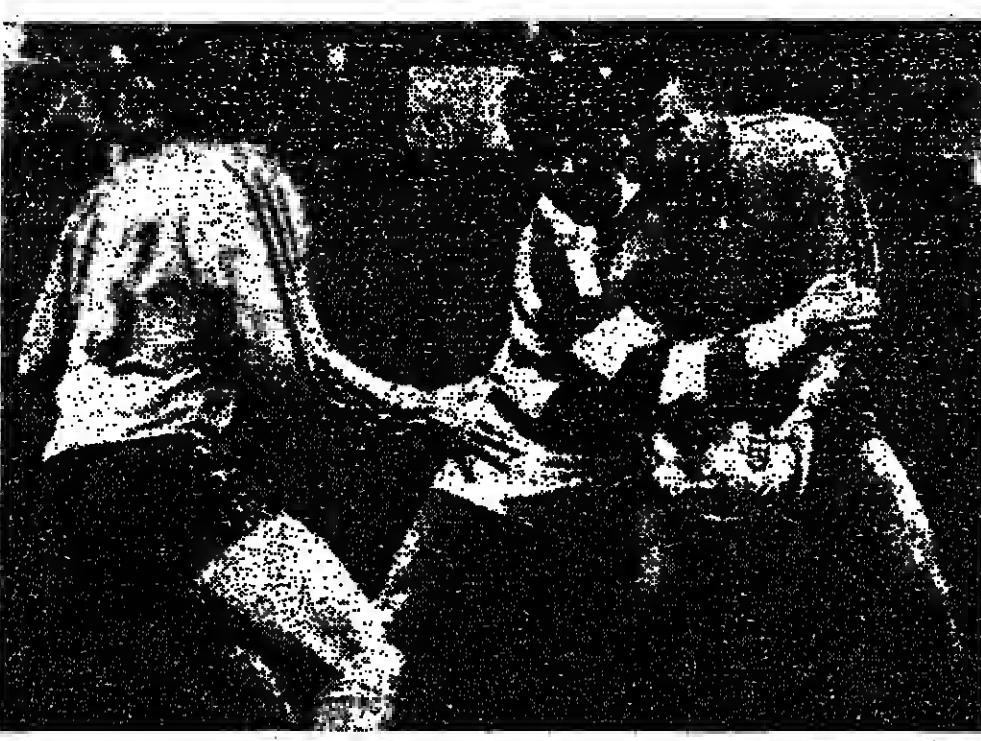
After Hodekin's failure, Oran's go-kicking secured Nottingham's victory by three tries and two penalty goals to Andrews' dominant collection of goals and a penalty goal.

Cambridge, owed much to Morrison, a flanker with a future.

Though Cambridge's team to play Oxford will not be announced until today, the format is clear. They should field an unchanged side apart from Ellison replacing Turner, with their backs reading: Hastings, Martin, Clough, Simms, Bailey, Andrew and Morrison.

Clough missed an opportunity to start the evening tonight that he even telephoned the RFU for confirmation.

Modesty prevails because Cambridge, playing their final game before the University Match tomorrow week, regarded Nottingham as the best organised side they have met, while the Light Blues impressed Nottingham and doubtless Jerry Greenhalgh, Oxford's hooker, on a watching mission.



Baird, the South of Scotland left wing, tackles Farr-Jones, the Australians' scrum-half, with Slack (13) up in support.

Sidcup pack stuns Redcliffians

By DOUG IBBOTSON
Sidcup 24 pts, Old Redcliffians 7

ALBERT AGAR, the Rugby Union president, paid Old Redcliffians and Sidcup the compliment of watching their John Player Cup tie at Crescent Farm. He was rewarded with an entertaining exhibition of competitive play not always evidenced at more illustrious levels.

Indeed, at times Mr Agar might have cherished a particularly wishful image as Sidcup, in their white strip, dazzled the opposition and swept to victory by two goals and three tries to one try and a penalty goal.

Old Redcliffians, disappointed and disappointed, were outplayed by Sidcup, who were generally outscored.

Shrewd Staples
This was largely due to Staples, the Sidcup scrum-half, who was a complete shot and pass, following up more in duty than expectation, accepted the gift.

Worth converted and the Sidcup forwards, with two, were spanking tries in the last few minutes, both of which characterised their determination to play positive field rugby.

Huge holes
Thomas, at full-back, carved huge holes in the Aberavon defence every time he joined the line, and a complete shot and pass, following up more in duty than expectation, accepted the gift.

**Swansea rally earns
memorable draw**
By DAVID GREEN
Swansea ... 13pts, Cardiff ... 13

DESPITE heavy rain, a swirling wind and an increasingly slippery playing surface, Swansea and Cardiff produced a memorable match. A draw was a result, each side scoring a goal, a try and a penalty goal.

Cardiff seemed to have the match sewn up when they led 13-0 after 45 minutes, but Swansea, always dangerous, rallied splendidly and Wyatt crashed the scores when he converted Swansea's second try, just before the final whistle.

Cardiff's pack looked the more solid in the tight scrums, but Swansea, always dangerous, rallied splendidly and Wyatt crashed the scores when he converted Swansea's second try, just before the final whistle.

Brilliant try
Cardiff opened the scoring with a Gareth Davies penalty for a high tackle on Rees and went further ahead with a brilliant try by Rees, which was worth recording in detail.

From a line-out on Cardiff's 25, Davies shaped to kick for touch but he moved the ball left. Rees came in and released Hadley who beat his man, kicked ahead and won a thrilling race to the touchline.

Early in the second half, Rees again broke through the middle and was tackled by the Cardiff defence. Edwards picked up to harge over at the posts, Davies converted.

Swansea came back with a Wyatt penalty. John Williams crashed over from a line-out and finally Jones robbed Cardiff of a set scrum on Cardiff's 25 for Mark Davies to score and Wyatt to convert.

SCARLET FACES FOR LLANELLI

By CHARLES RANDALL
Northampton 10 pts, Llanelli 7

TIMES have changed for Llanelli now that Ray Gravel, their Welsh international centre, occupies a rugby afternoon, commenting on television, as he did on Saturday.

Gravel's reluctant drift away from senior rugby to pursue a blossoming career in the media was a far cry from the end of an era. He was sorely missed at Frank's Gardens by a youthful, strangely purposeless Llanelli side.

They have lost every way match against senior opposition since. Swansea, Newport and Gloucester among their Stradley Park victims.

Larkin misses
Larkin, Northampton's kicker for the day in place of the injured, missed a penalty attempt wide from 20 and 15 yards and missed an easy conversion to Lambdon's 59th minute try.

Llanelli, pacy but a little naive
Llanelli, pacy but a little naive, was outplayed by Northampton, who were spanking tries in the last few minutes, both of which characterised their determination to play positive field rugby.

Northampton's clean, entertaining success
Northampton's clean, entertaining success in a clear, entertaining game which they dominated. Lambdon, back after two months out with a knee injury, scored the try from a wheeled scrum, and Larkin kicked two penalty goals.

GLOUCESTER'S PACK THRIVE

By RUPERT CHERRY
Gloucester ... 37 pts, Leicester ... 15

SOME pundits might say that Gloucester depend too much on 10-man rugby, but it was so expertly done so successfully at Kingsholm on Saturday that even the wing-threequarters could not grumble.

Neither could their supporters, because this was a fine spectacle, a scoreless draw in 20 games is 21-4 points.

I cannot recall having seen a Leicester pack so utterly bewildered by a Gloucester scrum. They simply did not know how to stop the Gloucester forwards winning the scrums, carrying off rolling mounds with which they battered at the Leicester line.

Ample support
As usual the Gloucester pack were well drilled in support play and two of their five lines were scored by front row forwards, while and Fawcett, the half-backs, drove Leicester back continually.

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Bath too good for London Scottish

By VICTOR SWAIN
London Scottish ... 3pts Bath ... 21

ON a grey day which reflected the quality of the play, the all-round strength of West Country rugby comfortably disposed of the Scottish challenge at Richmond on Saturday.

Rackets
**BOONE TAKES
WORLD TITLE
FROM PRENN**
By ROB McLEAN

WILLIE BOONE ended John Prehn's three-year reign as world racket champion when he won the title for the first time at Queen's Club on Saturday.

Boone, leading 4-2 from last week's first leg in Montreal, was never in trouble. He had recovered from an early bout of nerves, and he recaptured the three games needed to win the championship in just under an hour.

Kirk injured
The Scottish, disrupted by the loss of Kirk, the hooker, late in the first half, with bruised legs, also missed the aggressive commitment of Macklin in the backrow.

Palmer, who kicked both the scoring penalties, had a good afternoon in the back row, carving the opening for HBI to score and converting that try and another by the happy Dwyer.

Two more games
Two more games were played in complete formalities of the best of seven games leg and also gave the packed galleries full value.

Boone trailed 6-2 in the first game before going out in one hand and, although Prehn got 10-8 in the second it was a practice game. Boone was never in trouble during the last 12 months would prove too much of a handicap against Boone's pace.

He has an early chance
He has an early chance for revenge when both compete in the invitation singles this month. Two more games were played to complete the formalities of the best of seven games leg and also gave the packed galleries full value.

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First Test—Fourth Day

ENGLAND FAIL TO SUPPORT MIKE GATTING

By MICHAEL CAREY in Bombay

MIKE GATTING'S long-awaited maiden Test hundred arrived in the shape of a wholly admirable 136 at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay yesterday, but, largely unsupported, it was not enough to negotiate England through a day of familiar hazards which they ended at 228 for seven, still needing 42 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

While Gattling and Fowler were adding 135 for the second wicket, it was possible for an uncynical optimist to visualise the match being saved, but afterwards what in these circumstances may be euphemistically termed the rub of the green went agonisingly against them.

To emerge unscathed, England not only needed to play fearfully well, but also a generous measure of luck with hairline decisions. Gattling, reaching three fours in his 54th Test innings, showed that one was possible, but the other did not materialise and the benefit of the doubt went against Gower and Cowdrey at a time when they needed like providing crucial and essential support.

"Staying in" should be the rule of any cricketer, but the fact that Gattling's 136 was the only one to reach three figures was a sad commentary on the state of the batting. The percentages would be reduced once India's three spinners were permitted to operate. Gattling's 136 was a fine stroke of luck, but it was not enough to negotiate England through a day of familiar hazards which they ended at 228 for seven, still needing 42 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

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Taylor leads Victoria in fighting reply

WICK TAYLOR hit his second hundred of the season yesterday as Victoria battled solidly on the third day of their four-day match against the West Indians in Melbourne.

Taylor was unbeaten with 123 at close of play as Victoria's first innings reached 200, a reply to the West Indians' massive 358 for seven declared.

Taylor, 29, had been one of Victoria's most consistent batsmen in recent years, having scored three centuries in the last season. He hit 119 in a Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania two weeks ago.

Yesterday he batted for 215 minutes, faced 186 balls and hit 16 boundaries.

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SCOREBOARD IN BOMBAY

ENGLAND—First Innings: 155 (L. Sivaramakrishnan 64).

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N. ZEALAND BREAK THROUGH

NEW ZEALAND recorded their first four wickets when they beat Pakistan by a comfortable 54 runs in the third one-day cricket international in Sialkot yesterday.

Put in to bat, New Zealand scored 181 for nine in a match that ran to 40 overs a side and restricted Pakistan to 125 for eight in reply, but Pakistan still led 2-1 in the four-match series.

Martin Crowe backed up a fine 57 with two sixes to win the Man of the Match award.

Pakistan plunged into trouble when Mubashir Khan fell in the opening over to Sirling and Salim Malik was bowled by Martin Crowe with 14 on the board.

Crowe, the day's top scorer, then dismissed Shoaib Mohammad for 22 and when Calum MacLeod was bowled by Martin Crowe with 14 on the board.

The innings never recovered although the captain, Zaheer, saw his side a glimmer of hope with a fighting 12.

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Cyclo-Cross

Douce and Britain dominate Cup

By PHIL LIGGETT

STEVE DOUCE, 21, led Great Britain's domination of the Halfords Nations Cup at Sutton Coldfield yesterday when he beat Vito Di Tano to first place by 35 seconds.

He led for most of the eight laps of Sutton Park and saw his three teammates follow home Di Tano as Britain retained the Nations Cup they won last year.

Di Tano, world amateur champion in 1950, produced Italy's best performance since Renato Longo won in Coventry 20 years ago, but he was never a match for Douce.

Robert Dene, 18, gave Britain an excellent start by leading the 60 riders onto the difficult woodland course, but he was quickly replaced by Douce and the Italian, while the younger competitor on getting the better of Peter Muller of Switzerland.

Regained lead Di Tano took full advantage of a crash by Douce during the second lap when the Caterham rider became entangled in the course-marking tape. Douce was the stiffest challenge this season, but Douce and David Baker, newcomers to senior racing, sprinted for fourth place after ridding themselves of Muller on the last lap.

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PIT VIOLENCE SPECTRE STILL OVER KINNOCK

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

PICKET line violence remained a political millstone round the neck of Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, yesterday despite his strong condemnation of it at a party rally in support of the miners in Stoke on Friday night.

Ministers and other party leaders kept up their attacks on Mr Kinnock because, at the same rally, Mr Scargill, N.U.M. president, made only a qualified criticism of violence by strikers.

Referring to the killing of a taxi driver in South Wales on Friday, Mr Scargill said: "The National Union of Mineworkers dissociates itself from any acts of this kind which occur anywhere away from the picket lines."

Because of the noise in the hall, the words "anywhere" were audible to members of the audience and reporters, although they were picked up clearly by platform microphones and heard to radio and television broadcasts.

Mr Kinnock told the miners that the killing of the taxi driver was a tragedy, but that the violence had got to stop and stop now.

But the Labour leader's criticism was not enough for Mr Scargill, who said that the violence was a "hard left" tactic, and that the N.U.M. should not be associated with it.

Mr Scargill's remarks put extra focus on Labour's national executive committee, which Mr Kinnock is to lead in the N.U.M. presidential election. The executive decided last week that an early meeting should be held to clear up misunderstandings.

Saying that he had previous engagements, the Labour leader had not attended the five N.U.M. rallies in support of the strike.

In Stoke Mr Kinnock and Mr Scargill were appearing together on a public platform, but the time limit for each was so short that they had only a few minutes to speak. Mr Scargill arrived late and they looked uncomfortable together.

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By STEPHEN WARD

Conference called

given by the national executive and the union's conference.

He said today's special conference will be held at the TUC headquarters, had been called following advice by our lawyers.

Successful delegate conferences called by Mr Scargill at strategic times during the 30-week coal strike have always backed the militant line.

This is because although they are made up of lay members, the majority of delegates are union activists and tend to be to the left of the rank and file members. The last special conference was held in 1975.

The N.U.M.'s solicitors were present at yesterday's meeting to advise the executive, and the discussions were also attended by Lord Wedderburn, a professor of law at the London School of Economics, and an adviser to the TUC.

Meanwhile, following the Coal Board's success in persuading more than 15,000 striking miners to go back to work during the last week, the N.U.M. is launching a new campaign pointing out to striking miners who go back to work in the New Year that many will only receive three months of 1982.

Average earnings of miners are £135 a week, which means that ex-striking miners can expect total earnings of £2,570 between the start of January and the end of the financial year on Mar. 31.

The £228 in holiday allow-

ances which the miners could claim when they have been back for four weeks will also be tax-free, taking the amount earned during the first quarter of next year to £2,687.

This income will be free from tax for married men because their tax threshold for a year is £3,175 and they have had no earnings to the present financial year due to the strike.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER NHS LEADERSHIP

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Lack of effective management and motivation is the main problem facing the National Health Service, the Industrial Society says today in launching a campaign for management effectiveness.

Miss Yvonne Hoag, an official of the society, said the NHS spends more than half its resources on staff, and the recent Griffiths report had drawn attention to the need for more effective management.

She said: "Our experience is that many of the problems that face the NHS are a lack of clear leadership and communication. No improvement in levels of patient care can ever take place unless managers are setting the best from their people."

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For a chance on Sunday try your own with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH prize crossword.

Christmas pay-out from NUM funds

By A. J. McILROY

THE SOLICITOR does to take charge today of more than £4 million of the National Union of Mineworkers' assets in Luxembourg, has said part of the money may be used Christmas.

Mr Herbert Brewer, 68, a Derbyshire grandfather who has lived and worked all his life in a mining community, said yesterday: "I hope all miners, working or striking, will regard me as neutral."

"I look at some of this cash as charitable money. There will be many children who will be missing out this Christmas because of the strike."

"Some of the £3 million which is knocking about could be used to give them all a nice Christmas and relieve suffering."

A bluff, genial man described by friends as "everybody's Father Christmas figure", Mr Brewer was asked by Mr David Negeus, a solicitor representing the working miners, why he had agreed to the appeal judges' ruling on the NUM assets, to assume charge of the money.

Mr Brewer's appointment was confirmed after a High court judge agreed with a group of 16 working miners that the NUM trustees, Mr Michael McGahey, vice president, and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, were not fit and proper persons to be in charge of the money.

He will be accompanied in Luxembourg by Mr Brian Frankland, a court-appointed sequestrator from Price Waterhouse, the accountants, who will request that the bank transfers £4,500,000 of the NUM assets to the NUM assets total £8,900,000.

Mr Brewer said yesterday that he was not aware of the suffering, particularly of mothers with hungry children. He hoped his job would be finished within a week.

He believed it would influence Mr Scargill and the other union trustees to put their contempt by paying the £200,000 contempt fine. This might persuade the court to reinstate them.

It is time this litigation, this playing of the NUM funds, came to an end," he said. "It is benefiting only my profession and the accountancy profession."

Frustrated away

"It is a tragedy that people who have paid their union dues and have been frustrated away in paying solicitors and accountants. The union will have to meet the costs to the end and the longer this goes on the higher the costs will be."

Mr Brewer, a life vice-president of the Derbyshire Conservative Association in Derbyshire, said: "The miners have contributed to these funds for use in times of hardship and I think some of it could be used to give them all a nice Christmas present."

"I have been involved in charitable work all my life and I think this would be a nice gesture." He added that he would like to secure Mr Scargill's approval of the move, although this would not be necessary.

But it would be far easier to be able to go to the High Court and tell them that the miners' union were agreeable. "I would have to get consent for this, though I am sure it would be heard sympathetically," he said.

CORSICA DEATH

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

A 23-year-old member of the French far-right, the C.R.S., died after Corsican separatist machine-gunned a patrol car in Bastia, Corsica, yesterday. Two others were wounded, one seriously.

The Prime Minister and the Cabinet are said to be taking a relaxed view about the charges of underpricing. Each top above the offer price of 130p "costs" the Treasury £50 million.

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500 DEFECT

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

Another 51 Polish tourists jumped the ferry Roggen, 7,500 tons, when she left the West German Baltic port of Lübeck, and were stranded at the weekend. In the past two weeks more than 500 Poles have failed to return to the ship and to the cruise liner Ströma, 13,000 tons, when she docked in Hamburg.

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TELECOM

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

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One of the surprises is that applicants for the bonus were numbered two to one.

The Government and bankers are also expecting complaints from the institutions have been allocated too many shares and will have an unfair advantage in early dealings.

Letters of confirmation about the allotment to the public along with the balance of cheques will not go out until next Monday, four days later than expected and a week after dealings start.

"There are 7,000 people around the country trying to get these letters out. It's a huge administrative task," said a Kleinworth executive.

Employees join rush

"The overall share allocation is 1,031,551,995 shares (54.5 per cent.)."

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British Telecom employees and pensioners with a priority allocation have come out well. There were applications from 22,000 out of the 24,000 employees for the 54 free shares.

A total of 184,000 employees took advantage of the offer, an offer of two free shares for every 240 bought up to a maximum of 77.

In addition there were applications from 63,000 employees and 25,000 Telecom pensioners for preferential share allotments. Applications up to 10 shares for every 240 bought up to a maximum of 20,000.

Telecom employees have ignored the advice of the Post Office Engineering Union to boycott the offer on massive scale. But what has surprised the bankers is the size of some of the applications.

Several employees yesterday rang THE DAILY TELEGRAPH seeking details of allotments and disclosed that they had bought for more than 100,000 shares.

More than 2,000 institutions had priority applications. Many had their applications heavily scaled down and were thwarted in their attempt to take up some of the public allocation. They are expected to be among the main buyers today.

Profit-takers face risk

Members of the public tempted by a quick profit after today's dealings will be taking a risk if they try to sell their shares before the end of the year. Several thousand applications have been rejected on technical grounds, mainly because they were incorrectly completed.

Kleinworth Benson and the accountants Peat, Marwick Mitchell are satisfied that "Operation Stag" has successfully weeded out scores of people making multiple applications in the hope of getting a big allocation and making a quick profit.

The bankers said a "considerable number" of suspected applications have been rejected. But what has surprised the Government will benefit from interest for four more days on the money to be returned. Cheques submitted with applications for over 100,000 shares are not being cashed.

The upshot of the biggest State sale so far and the world's biggest equity issue is that the Government has achieved its objective of raising a substantial sum, de-nationalising Telecom and encouraging wider share ownership.

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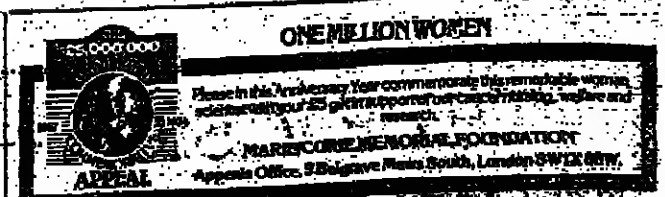
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